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HANKOW CLASH.

Angry Coolies Attack Borodin's Office.

DISPUTE OVER LUGGAGE.

Building Rushed And Police Swept Aside.

SITUATION BECOMES DESPERATE.

Comrade's Guards Fire Over The Heads Of The Mob.

Comrade Borodin, the Russian adviser of the Reds in China, who has made so much use of mob violence to gain his ends, has himself had a taste of mob violence, a gang of coolies, following an altercation over luggage, attacking his office at Hankow and refusing to disperse until the guards, who had already fired over their heads, lowered their pistols and threatened to shoot to kill.

DISPUTE WITH STAFF.

Coolies Refuse To Accept Dismissal.

Hankow, July 11. Comrade Borodin's office was attacked by a gang of coolies this morning. The coolies had been hired to remove Borodin's luggage to the railway station.

An altercation arose between the coolies and Borodin's staff, the latter attempting to dismiss the coolies who refused to accept the dismissal and rushed the building, sweeping the police aside. The situation was desperate when Borodin's guards fired over the heads of the coolies who stopped, but refused to disperse, until the guards brought down their pistols and threatened to shoot to kill.—Reuter.

TROOPS IN CHINA.

No Further Withdrawal at Present.

London, July 12. In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Sir L. Worthington Evans, Secretary for

MADAME BORODIN.

Release Reported In Chinese Press.

Peking, July 12. Mrs. Borodin, wife of Comrade Borodin, was released to-day.—"Hong Kong Evening Post."

War, stated that during the hot weather one battalion at a time will proceed from Shanghai to Wei-hai-wei.

No further withdrawal of troops is contemplated at present.—Reuter.

Danger of Sickness.

Rugby, July 12. With reference to the return to India from Shanghai of troops of the Indian Brigade, the Secretary for War stated in the House of Commons to-day that no further withdrawal of British forces from Shanghai was contemplated at present.

Since some increase in sickness is unfortunately deemed likely during the hot weather, authority had been given for one battalion at a time to proceed to Wei-hai-wei while it continued.—British Wireless Service.

TSINGTAO QUIET.

2,000 Japanese Troops Arrive From Dairen.

Tsingtao, July 12. Two thousand Japanese troops from Dairen have arrived here. The situation is quiet.—Reuter.

TROOPS ON MOVE.

Threat of Attack From Two Points.

Shanghai, July 12. T. V. Soong, Finance Commissioner under the Hankow regime, returned this afternoon by a British steamer.

Fairly large bodies of troops continue to be sent down river from Hankow by junk but it is not known whether this is a counter-move to General Feng's removal into Anhwei or for the purpose of meeting the "punitive expedition" sent against Hankow by Chiang Kai-shek.

The local situation is obscure.—British Naval Wireless.

Advance From Canton.

Kiukiang, July 12. Troops have arrived here from Hankow, also some from Nanking.

DUBLIN MURDER.

State Funeral For Late Minister.

ACCUSED DENY CHARGE.

London, July 12. Ten men in the Dublin Police Court were charged in connection with the assassination of Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Irish State Minister, including J. Reynolds, General Secretary of the Fianna Eireann organisation of Nationalist Boy Scouts.

All the accused denied complicity in the crime, and George Plunkett, on behalf of all, said it was only fair to the public that our friends should understand that none of us had any knowledge of this affair as would appear from the manner of our arrest and we are merely handy people to fill up the gap.—Reuter.

Mourning in London.

Rugby, July 12. Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, the Irish Free State Minister, who was assassinated on Sunday, will receive a State funeral in Dublin to-morrow.

In London there will be a requiem mass at Westminster Cathedral.

Again to-day many thousands flocked by the body, which has lain in state in the Mansion House, Dublin, since yesterday.—British Wireless Service.

'QUAKE HAVOC.

OVER THREE HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

MANY HOUSES COLLAPSE.

Cairo, July 12. An eye-witness who has flown from Trans-Jordan says that it is believed 300 people were killed in the earthquake.

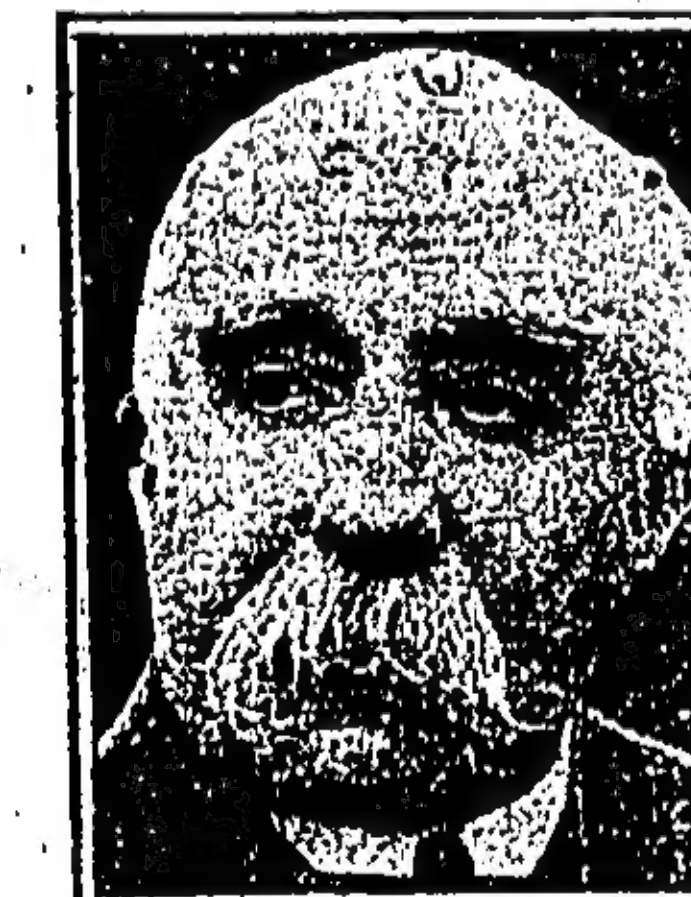
Most of the houses at Maan collapsed and a mosque in course of erection was severely damaged. The movements of the earth lasted forty seconds and were quite visible in the surrounding lava beds of the desert. The Beduins were terrified everywhere.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, July 12. The latest casualty list is 109 dead and 340 injured. There were no British casualties. Eighty-five persons are reported to have been killed in the town of Essalt.—Reuter.

"TIGER'S" ILLNESS.

FAMILY SUMMONED TO BEDSIDE.

Paris, July 12. M. Clemenceau who recently has been ailing, relapsed yesterday. His family were summoned to his



bedside. Subsequently there was slight improvement in his condition but his son remained by his bedside all night long.—Reuter.

EARLIER NEWS.

Japan's Invitation to Chiang Kai-shek.

Tokyo, July 12. For the purpose of eradicating the suspicion of the Southerners that Japan is interfering in the movements of the belligerents, the Japanese Government has invited Chiang Kai-shek to send representatives to act as observers with the Japanese troops in Shanghai.

Chiang has accepted the invitation and has already despatched a representative. As the Southerners have not voiced such suspicions it is considered unnecessary to extend a similar invitation to them.—Reuter.

SMALLER NAVIES.

Good Progress Towards Agreement.

GENEVA MORE HOPEFUL.

Rugby, July 12. At the Geneva Naval Conference to-day private conversations were continued on the question of cruisers, particularly in regard to the British in an earlier stage of the conference and which delegates have expressed a desire to examine again.—British Wireless Service.

Report by Experts.

Geneva, July 12. This is a more hopeful atmosphere at the naval conference. The experts for two days have been examining the British cruiser proposals and they have made sufficient progress to allow of a full report on the whole cruiser problem to the chiefs of the delegations.—Reuter.

Japanese Optimism.

The Japanese delegation also appears to be favourably impressed by to-day's developments.

The Japanese declare that marked progress has been made towards a settlement, although there are still points awaiting final agreement.—Reuter.

Naval Holiday Offer.

Geneva, July 12. The British proposals, which the naval experts are still considering, suggest that if the United States will reduce the figure of 25 for 10,000 ton cruisers, Britain in return will observe a naval holiday to enable the United States to build up to parity.

It looks at present as if British and American agreement will finally be reached, but it remains to be seen whether this will meet the views of the Japanese who are cautiously waiting to see how the British and Americans will settle the difficulty.—Reuter.

Britain's Ideals.

London, July 12. In a speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet to the bankers and merchants of the city, Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said everyone hoped that the naval conference at Geneva would reach a substantial measure of agreement, but if, unfortunately, this was not the case, none of the three great naval Powers ought to be discouraged.

It might well be that the best we could do would be to proceed step by step, year by year, each Power building the smallest programme of minor vessels compatible with its needs.

Equal Navies.

Referring to British and American naval parity, Mr. Churchill said that true parity would take into consideration the entirely different conditions of Britain and the United States and the relative importance of naval defence to each of them.

"We hold a firm faith that the world will never be riven twain by a fratricidal conflict between the English-Speaking peoples."

"On the contrary we fervently believe that the future will gradually bring closer and more friendly British and American association."

"We are therefore able to take the calmest view of the naval situation and its developments in the near future and we anticipate confidently an era of peace and progress on land and sea."—Reuter.

Japan's Hopes.

Tokyo, July 12. At a Cabinet meeting the Navy Minister expressed the belief that the Geneva Conference would avoid disruption. He said that the Premier on the 11th instant had exchanged views with the British and American Ambassadors when he indicated the extreme disapproval of Japan of any expansionist programme. He reiterated his intense desire for the conclusion of a limitation agreement.—Reuter.

FRENCH STATE SALARIES.

Paris, July 12. By a vote of 14 to 8 with six abstentions the Finance Committee of the Chamber decided to exceed the figures proposed by the government for the increase of the salaries of state employees. M. Fojanet will propose a question of confidence in the Chamber in order to maintain the Governmental proposals.—Havas.

TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 1/2.

STORM AT HOME.

London and the Midlands Swept.

FLOODS CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE.

London, July 12. The violence of a storm which broke out last night in London and the Midlands, following splendid sunshine, is shown in incidents reported from various parts.

Underground traffic at several places in London was held up for hours. Many buildings were flooded and 2,000 telephone lines are down.

A baby was drowned in a basement in Hammersmith. Two men were killed by lightning at the Austin motor works. Birmingham is flooded and 10,000 people are unemployed.

The cellars of a mill at Oldham were inundated and the yarn was ruined. The card-room collapsed and machinery was swept away. People in the nearby houses were rescued through the windows.

At another mill a reservoir flowed over the wall and a weaving shed collapsed. Over 1,200 looms were flooded and yarn and cloth were carried into the street.—Reuter.

'WARE THE BEACON!

WHAT TO DO IN RED LIGHT AREA.

Handbills containing the following information were distributed by uniform policemen to pedestrians in the vicinity of the "white line area" this morning:—

A traffic beacon with continuous red flashing light has been installed at the junction of Des Vaux Road Central and Pedder Street opposite the General Post Office. All vehicles will reduce speed on approaching the beacon. Vehicles requiring to turn at this point will circulate slowly round the beacon keeping left. As each vehicle reaches the street along which it intends to proceed it will work outwards so as to facilitate its progress down the required street without crossing any other vehicles.

Drivers of vehicles and pedestrians are earnestly requested to co-operate with the Police in carrying out these instructions to facilitate the movement of traffic generally and in particular to avoid the danger of accidents.

White lines have been drawn on the surface of the roads to indicate foot-passengers' crossings. Foot-passengers should cross between the lines and, on no account, cross the square diagonally.

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BARRACKS FIRE.

3,000 WAR VETERANS' HOME ABLAZE.

Sawtell, California, July 12. Fire broke out this afternoon in the barracks of a soldiers' home which there were some 3,000 war veterans, some bedridden and crippled.

The mysterious fire is believed to have been due to incendiary which recently destroyed the main dining hall of the home. The War Department has held a secret inquiry and extra guards have been posted as a consequence.—Reuter's American Fire.

FAIR WEATHER.

"South west or variable winds, light; fair" is the official weather forecast for the next 24 hours.

Warning to Hong Kong, coast ports, etc.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles at Lat. 17deg. N. Long. 128deg. E., moving W.N.W.

Later warning to Hong Kong, coast ports, etc.—Typhoon in Lat. 17deg. N. Long. 127deg. E., direction unknown, position uncertain. Pressure changes are small since yesterday.

A feeble anticyclone is central to the east of Japan and a depression is central over N.E. China.

The estimated position of the typhoon is 800 miles E.S.E. of Hong Kong, but this is uncertain. The direction of motion is also uncertain.

AIRMEN'S ORDEALS.

Banquets Worse Than Flying Atlantic.

BYRD'S TIRED LOOK.

Visit to French Village Where He Landed.

Flying the Atlantic appears to be an easier ordeal than facing the receptions which follow that feat, judging from the experience of Commander Byrd, who looked more tired when he paid a farewell visit to Ver-sur-Mer than he did when he landed. The house in which he slept has since been made to resemble a museum, the smallest souvenirs having been collected to commemorate the flight.

LOG BOOK FOUND.

Fisherman Returns Missing Chronometer.

Paris, July 12.

Commander Byrd and Balchen paid farewell visits to Ver-sur-Mer before sailing for home. They received a rousing welcome from the inhabitants.

Commander Byrd took tea with the family which sheltered him and revisited the room where he slept, which was the bedroom of the daughter.

The house is now looking like a museum. The walls are plastered

with topographical survey were killed near Fairford, Manitoba, under extraordinary circumstances.

Eye witnesses state that their aeroplane was observed flying erratically among the clouds, and suddenly, while the machine was out of sight, three bodies hurtled downwards from a height of a thousand feet. The machine later nose dived to earth.—Reuter's American Service.

Byrd and Parry had Ace.

Paris, July 7. There was almost a touch of the miraculous in the visit of Commander Byrd and the crew of the trans-Atlantic plane "America" to the Hotel des Invalides, home of France's war wounded.

For the first time since he was brought down at Verdun in 1918, Captain Charles Legendre, paralysed French aviator, stood straight up on his feet and walked.

Legendre told Byrd: "Your courage despite overwhelming odds and your splendid exploits have given me renewed hope. I will accompany you." He arose, hesitatingly groped for a moment for support, and with an obvious effort of the will took several faltering steps. Then the war hero, with his arm resting lightly on the shoulder of the trans-Atlantic flier, walked slowly but surely toward the entrance to Napoleon's tomb.

Tears filled many eyes as the little party, with Noville, Acosta and Balchen hovering anxiously about the French ace, visited the tomb and returned to the Invalides, where a wheel chair was pushed up for Legendre.

What Britain Does.

Carrying 18 passengers, one steward, and 1,100lb. of mail and packets, the Silver Wing, the latest British Imperial Airways air-liner, made a record flight from London to Paris in 1 hour 42 minutes—equivalent to a ground speed of 130 miles per hour.

The machine, which was piloted by Capt. Robert H. McIntosh, had a total all-on load of 7½ tons.

The Silver Wing, which is the last word in aircraft luxury, has three Siddeley "Jaguar" engines of 450-h.p. each, and is capable of flying with a full load on any two of her engines.

Lost Airmen.

Search by the Turkish authorities for the British airmen, Flying Officer Cocks and Leading Aircraftman Rowston, missing after leaving Konja on a flight from Lahore to London, has not yet been given any result.

The British Embassy sent out two members of their personnel to join in scouring the interior by motor-car.

The airmen left Konja for Constantinople in the direction of Eski Shehr on May 25 in bad weather.

The Commandant of the Turkish Air Force at Eski Shehr has been ordered to undertake a rigorous search. As large tracts of country are sparsely inhabited it is still hoped that the airmen may be found safe.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

COACH BURIED UNDER CEMENT TRUCKS.

Toledo, Ohio, July 12.

There have been eleven fatalities as a result of a collision between a passenger and a goods train here.

One of the coaches of the passenger train was completely buried beneath cement-laden goods trucks.—Reuter's American Service.



LIEUT. COMM. R.E. BYRD.

tered with photographs and press cuttings touching on the flight.

The cigarette ends and matches used by the airmen and even pieces of chewing gum are fixed on the walls with drawing pins.

Commander Byrd recovered his log which disappeared. A fisherman shamefacedly returned his chronometer which he had "taken as a souvenir."

Many people told Commander Byrd that he looked more tired than when he landed.

Probably Commander Byrd is convinced that it is easier to negotiate the Atlantic than two banquets a day.—Reuter.

After flying across the Atlantic in fog and rain so thick that they saw neither sky nor sea, Commander Byrd and his three companions in the aeroplane "America" made a vain search for Paris, and eventually descended into the sea at Ver-sur-Mer owing to their petrol running short. They made a thrilling escape from their damaged plane to the shore in pitch darkness. Owing to the high sea, the under-carriage of the plane was wrenched off, the propellers were damaged and the cabin was flooded. The india-rubber boat was blown up and rowed 200 yards ashore. They shouted but no one heard them. A fisherman, seeing the wrecked machine, informed one of his sons, the deputy mayor, who found Byrd and Neville exhausted on the beach. Acosta, and Balchen having gone to the lighthouse which had first attracted their attention. Byrd almost fainted ascending the stairs of the deputy mayor's house, but gave minute instructions regarding the care of the plane. An American lady was fortunately staying at Ver-sur-Mer and she acted as interpreter.

Air Liner Wrecked.

Boulogne, July 12.

An air liner belonging to the Royal Dutch Aerial Navigation Company, bound from London to Amsterdam, with 7 passengers, strayed in the fog while flying over the northern part of the Department of Pas de Calais. The plane collided with a tree and was wrecked. The pilot and passengers, including four Americans, were unhurt, except one who was bruised in the face.—Reuter.

Mystic in Canada.

Winnipeg, July 12.

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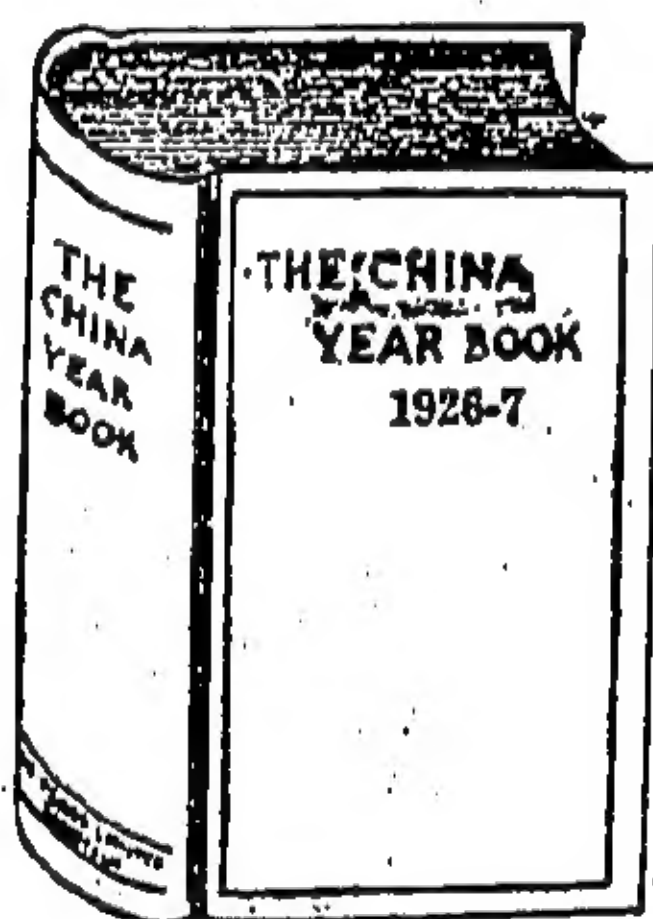
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The dividend will be payable on and after MONDAY, the 8th August, 1927, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 25th July to SATURDAY, the 6th August, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
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BASQUE DANCE FESTIVAL.

PICTURESQUE SCENES IN
BAYONNE.

A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS.

The Basque and English Folk dance festival has (says Violet Alford, writing from Bayonne, France, to the London "Daily News"), been an unqualified success. It began with the ball to which come annually the elite of Biarritz, Bayonne, and even Bordeaux and Pau.

But although the ball—organised by the Musée Basque—in a yearly affair, never before has such entertainment been provided.

The company of Spanish Basques opened a really brilliant performance, with their dance of honour, Aurresku, done throughout the provinces in honour of a notable visitor or before the municipality. A Basque choir in costume sang unaccompanied folk songs in parts, attacking with a vigour and singing with a delicacy and disciplined freshness which were a pleasure to hear.

An English Fiddle. The white-clad, scarlet-bereted Guizpuzcoans then gave not their own sword dance, but the variant form Viscaya, which finishes with a wonderful "raising" of their captain. If ever an "annual victim" is displayed he is seen here. There he lies, stiff and stark, stretched above the heads of his men, who cluster round with upraised swords.

Down went the curtain on this marvellous example of unbreakable tradition, and when it rose again we were back in England. An English fiddle—and what a magic hand wielded that bow—gave us gay and little tunes of eight bars, repeated to the verge of monotony, yet never monotonous to English ears.

We were shown groups of simple and of intricate country dances, the most swagging of our Morris as needs must when competing with Basque dancers, and a complicated rapier sword dance from Northumberland. All this was very new and surprising to French eyes, and "les Anglais" had made their success sure before the end of the Bledington Morris dance "Trunkies."

The next afternoon we were at it again, and this time we had bands of excited youths from Basque Navarre and the far Soule to compete against, as well as the Spanish Basques.

The Hobby Horses were a feature of the performance. Our heavy-built creature swayed about, and the lithe, snake-like Soule horse showed us what dancing really can be in spite of trappings.

Satanic Dances. La Danse des Satans is never to be forgotten—yet unfortunately its traditional tune is that common little air, "Bon Voyage Monsieur Durmollet." The Basques prize it greatly, however, and consider it one of their best.

Our English team replied to all these challenges by a long sword dance, in which the captain was duly killed; by groups of country and strenuous Morris dances; by a jig, which certainly rivalled the Danse de Satans, and by that breathless and intriguing dance from the Appalachian Mountains—"The Running Set."

The general opinion of the visitors was distinctly in favour of our own tunes; the interest of the Basque airs depends in reality upon their instruments, the txistuola and soina—the pipe and drum.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on July 12, 1927.
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL

	1926	1927
Tytam	421'11"	410'9"
Tytam Byewash	25' 5"	8' 9"
Tytam Intermediate Level	27' 8"	Level
Tytam Tuk	27' 8"	Level
Wong Nei Chung	19' 7"	7' 8"
Pokfulum	22' 5"	21'1"
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1926	1927
Tytam	115.12	369.40
Tytam Byewash	57	11.19
Tytam Intermediate	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk	830.50	1,416.60
Wong Nei Chung	10.19	21.08
Pokfulum	19.95	44.48
Total	1,172.20	2,061.05

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June—

	1926	1927
Consumption	258.48	303.33
Estimated population 402,460	412,780	
per day (gallons)	21.2	24.4

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	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	56'7"	Level
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Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	297.40	352.60
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	38.72	90.45
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	July	a.m.	p.m.
" 12	5.46	7.11	
" 13	5.46	7.11	
" 14	5.47	7.11	
" 15	5.47	7.11	
" 16	5.48	7.10	
" 17	5.48	7.10	
" 18	5.49	7.10	
" 19	5.49	7.10	
" 20	5.50	7.09	
" 21	5.50	7.09	
" 22	5.51	7.08	
" 23	5.51	7.08	
" 24	5.51	7.07	
" 25	5.52	7.07	
" 26	5.52	7.06	
" 27	5.52	7.06	
" 28	5.53	7.06	
" 29	5.53	7.05	
" 30	5.53	7.05	
" 31	5.54	7.05	



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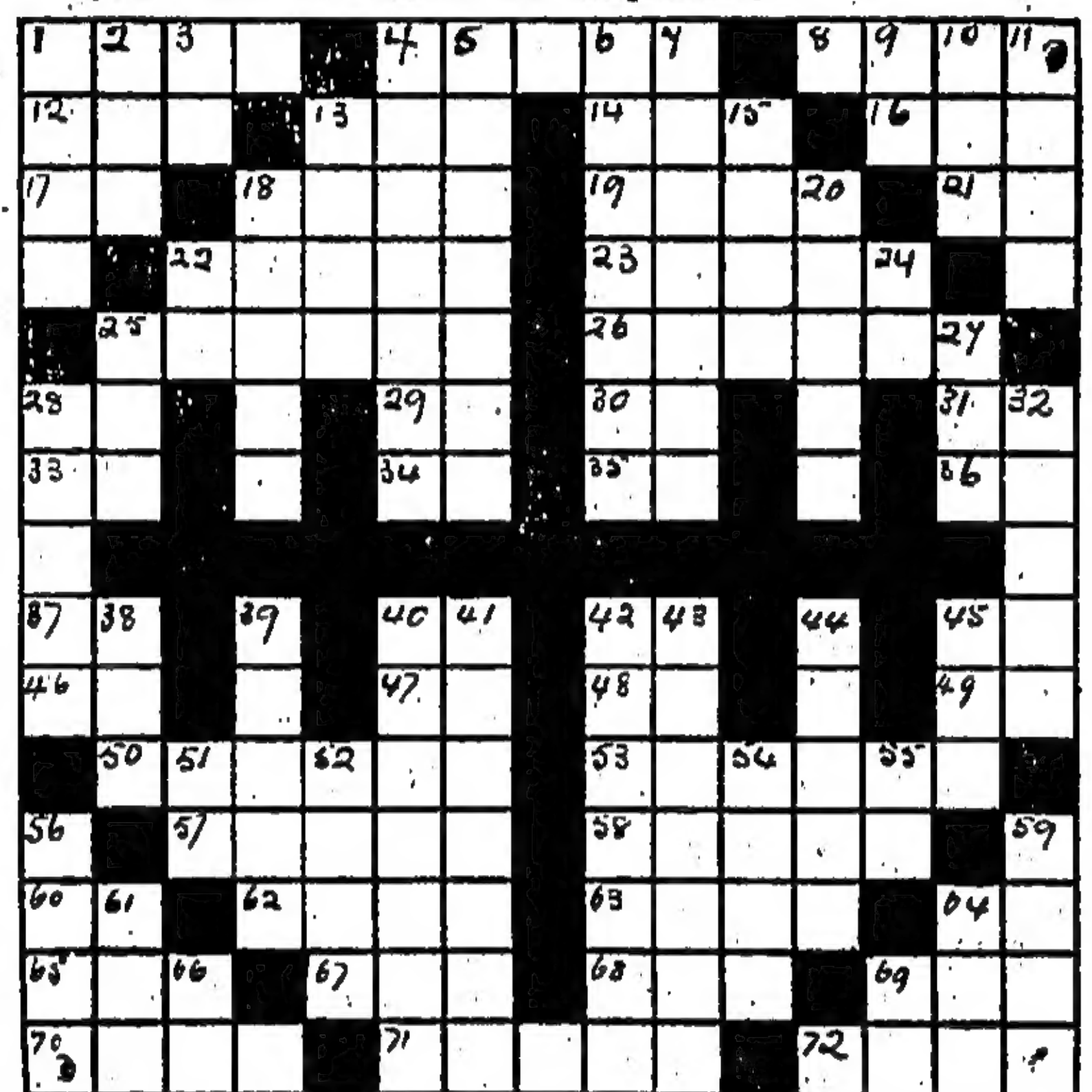
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| <p>Across.</p> <p>1 A pouch or sac, without opening which is accidentally developed in one of the natural cavities, or in the substance of the organs.</p> <p>4 Impost.</p> <p>8 Back street of a city.</p> <p>12 Limb.</p> <p>13 To proceed glibly.</p> <p>14 A command.</p> <p>16 Anglo-Saxon money of account.</p> <p>17 Chopper.</p> <p>18 Lend.</p> <p>19 A chief.</p> <p>21 Hebrew Deity.</p> <p>22 Extravagant.</p> <p>23 Hawks' nest.</p> <p>25 To cut or carve for ornament.</p> <p>28 Checks.</p> <p>28 River in Italy.</p> <p>29 Yes (Spanish).</p> <p>30 I.G. (Actual).</p> <p>31 Neuter pronoun.</p> <p>33 Printer's measure.</p> <p>34 H.D. (Actual).</p> <p>35 Compass point (Abb.)</p> <p>36 P.R. (Actual).</p> <p>37 Second note of scale.</p> <p>40 T.V. (Actual).</p> <p>42 P.P. (Actual).</p> <p>45 Before Christ (Abb.)</p> <p>45 T.L. (Actual).</p> <p>47 A.U. (Actual).</p> <p>48 A.R. (Actual).</p> <p>49 That is (Abb.)</p> <p>60 A Linnean genus of voracious insects remarkable for their slender, grotesque form.</p> <p>53 To recriminate.</p> <p>57 Small Spanish denomination of money (pl.)</p> <p>58 On the point.</p> <p>60 Exclamation.</p> <p>62 An antelope, having the neck, body and tail of a horse, and single recurved horns.</p> <p>63 Bitter.</p> <p>64 Fourth tone of the gamut.</p> <p>65 Fortune.</p> <p>67 Grampus.</p> <p>68 An unctuous substance drawn from various animal and vegetable substances.</p> <p>69 Light breeze.</p> <p>70 Lucky.</p> <p>71 Ancient Tauton hard.</p> <p>72 A quicksand.</p> | <p>Down.</p> <p>1 To adhere.</p> <p>2 Hiccough.</p> <p>3 S.G. (Actual).</p> <p>4 To heal.</p> <p>5 A worm.</p> <p>6 An almost imperceptible swelling of the shaft of a column.</p> <p>7 Rhomb.</p> <p>9 Behold.</p> <p>10 To utilize.</p> <p>11 Barley, or other grain steeped in water till it germinates, and then dried in a kiln.</p> <p>13 A club of politicians, who, in the time of Charles I. contemplated an equal government.</p> <p>16 To venture.</p> <p>18 A genus of carnivorous digitigrade animals.</p> <p>20 Laughing.</p> <p>22 Upon.</p> <p>24 E.P. (Actual)</p> <p>25 Period of time.</p> <p>27 To extract.</p> <p>28 Brisk.</p> <p>32 Short quiet.</p> <p>38 Tree of the genus Ulmus.</p> <p>39 A man of a particular turn of mind (reversed).</p> <p>40 Practices making men's clothes.</p> <p>41 A tuft.</p> <p>42 Small sunshade.</p> <p>43 Paid beforehand.</p> <p>44 To cower.</p> <p>45 Repository of any commodity.</p> <p>51 A.R. (Actual).</p> <p>52 T.A.N.O. (Actual).</p> <p>54 A mound of earth.</p> <p>55 R.K. (Actual).</p> <p>56 To thrust out, as the tongue.</p> <p>59 To hurl.</p> <p>61 A dogfish or shark found on the British coast.</p> <p>64 Tree of the genus Abies.</p> <p>65 T.A. (Actual).</p> <p>69 Yes.</p> |
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The Red Star liner "Belgenland," 27,000 tons, the largest steamer to encircle the globe, will also arrive in February. This cruise is operated by the International Mercantile Marine Company in co-operation with the American Express travel department.

Three Cunarders.

The "Caledonia," a 16,700 tons vessel due in March, will be the first of three Cunard liners to visit the East during the year. It is being operated under the auspices of the Frank C. Clark tourist bureau. The "Samarina," under the auspices of the Raymond and Whitehead Company, will be the second Cunard liner of the season. The third Cunard liner, the "Prinzess," will be under the auspices of Thomas Cook and Son. All these boats will be here during March.

The Hamburg-America Line steamer "Resolute," 20,000 tons, will also arrive in March. The "Ryndam," the university afloat, on its second college cruise, is scheduled to arrive in November.

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The total building in other countries is 1,450,157 tons, which shows an increase of 97,000 tons over the previous three months. The approximate figures of the leading foreign countries are: Germany, 408,000 tons; Italy 227,000 tons; Holland, 172,000 tons; United States, 147,000 tons; France, 136,000 tons.

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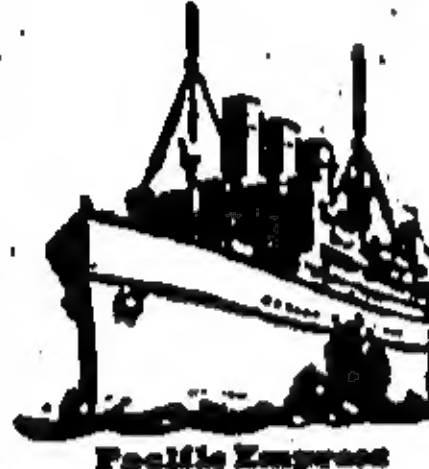


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DEVANHA	8,155	5th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	5,956	9th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The following ocean-going steamers arrived during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:—
"City of Bedford," (4107) British, from Manila—Bank Line—303 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Yuen Sang" (1983) British, from Shanghai Swatow—Jardine's—18 passengers, 1,800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Tara" (3651) British, from Calcutta, Singapore—Mackinnon Mackenzie—334 passengers, 912 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Ixion" (6520) British, from Liverpool, Singapore—B. & S.—2 passengers, 800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Dewey" (3495) American, from San Pedro, San Francisco—Swayne & Hoyt—3,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Knut Hamsen" (1850) American—Hong—21 passengers, 3,500 tons rice and 250 tons timber for Hong Kong.
"Yamagata Maru" (2322) Japanese, from Calcutta, Singapore—N.Y.K.—1 passenger, 700 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,516 tons general (through).
"Kishu Maru" (1567) Japanese, from Dairen—O.S.K.—1,100 tons coal and 463 tons cotton for Hong Kong, 820 tons coal (through).
"Katsuragisan Maru" (1425) Japanese, from Milke—M.B.K.—3,124 tons coal for Hong Kong.
"Amazon Maru" (4823) Japanese, from Singapore—O.S.K.—1 passenger, 560 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5840 tons general (through).
"Jogusan Maru" (365) Japanese, from Canton—M.B.K.
"Deli Maru" (1293) Japanese, from Canton—O.S.K.—100 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Chung Woo" (1234) Chinese, from Bangkok—Kin Cheong Lee—11 passengers, 2,650 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Tak Hing" (105) Chinese, from Amoy—Fook Hoi Co.—65 passengers, 100 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Saigon—Delagat Maru.
For Singapore—Desaru, Nam Sang, Carmanvonia, Tamha Maru, Alta Maru, Automodon.
For Amoy—Tak Hing.
For Shanghai—Pres. Grant, Ixion, Novara.
For Canton—Tai Tak, Song Bo.
For Swatow—Hai Nin, Wai Shing.
For Tamsui—Jogusan Maru.
Clearances.
For Shanghai—Empress of Asia.
For Saigon—Ta Chung.
For Moji—Yamagata Maru.
Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals Departures In

	Arrivals	Departures	In
British	4	7	33
Japanese	1	0	8
Norwegian	1	0	6
Chinese	2	0	16
Dutch	0	0	15
French	0	1	0
German	0	1	0
American	1	1	1
Panama	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	4
	14	16	74

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The E. I. s.s. "Takliwa" left Amoy for this port yesterday, and is due here this evening.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on June 22, arrived at Vancouver on July 10.
The E. I. s.s. "Santhia" left Singapore for this port on June 11, p.m., and is due here on June 16, p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama on July 11, left the same day, and is due at Hong Kong on July 18, at 5 p.m. She leaves for Manila on July 19.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R.) left here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, at noon to-day, and is due at Vancouver, B.C., on July 31.
The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:—
"Amazon," July 19.
"Yalou," July 22.
"Chenonceaux," August 2.
"Athos II," August 30.
"D'Artagnan," September 13.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

North Wall Basin, Tarantula; South Wall Basin, Aphis, Moorhen and Faulkner; East Wall Basin, Subs. L15 and L19; West Wall Dock, Vindictive; In Dock, Wishart, Wild Swan and Marazion; Talkoo Dock, Foxglove; Buoy 6, Emerald; Buoy 8, Titania and Subs. L2 and L3; Buoy 13, Seraphis; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 19, U.S.S. Helena; Buoy 25, Khark.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Captain Lumsden of the s.s. "Suiyang" anchored in Kowloon Bay has reported to the police that at 9.45 yesterday morning while a Chinese seaman was at work painting the starboard bow, he accidentally fell into the harbour and was drowned. The body has not yet been recovered.



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Canton	FOOSHING	Fri., 15th July, at 6 a.m.
Shanghai	YUENSANG	Fri., 15th July, at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shai	HOHSANG	Sun., 17th July, at 10 a.m.
Shanghai	FOOSHING	Wed., 20th July, at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	CHAKSANG	Thurs., 21st July, at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	YUSANG	Thurs., 21st July, at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Sat., 23rd July, at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shai	KWASANG	Sun., 24th July, at 10 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shai	HANGSANG	Wed., 27th July, at 10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	LAISANG	Thurs., 28th July, at 3 p.m.
Haiphong	MINGSANG	Sun., 31st July, at 10 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shai	YATSHING	Sun., 31st July, at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Yokohama & Kobe	KUMSANG	Tues., 2nd Aug., at 7 a.m.

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be obtained.

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after 18th July, 1927, will be

subject to Rent.

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and all goods remaining undeliver-

ed after the 16th inst. will be sub-

ject to rent.

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must be presented to the Under-

signed on or before the 30th inst.

or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged

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16th inst. at 10 a.m.

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Aug. 10	Seattle	Mauretania	Sept. 6	Pmb-Chrg Sept. 12
Aug. 18	San Francisco	Olympic	Sept. 17	Chrg-Chrgin Sept. 23
Aug. 24	Seattle	Berengaria	Sept. 21	Chrg-Chrgin Sept. 27
Aug. 30	San Francisco	Hamar	Oct. 1	Chrg-Chrgin Oct. 7
Sept. 7	Seattle	Arcturion	Oct. 5	Chrg-Chrgin Oct. 11
Sept. 13	San Francisco	Myrtle	Oct. 15	Chrg-Chrgin Oct. 21
Sept. 21	Seattle	Leviathan	Oct. 22	Chrg-Chrgin Oct. 28
Sept. 27	San Francisco	Olympic	Oct. 29	Chrg-Chrgin Nov. 4
Oct. 5	Seattle	Berengaria	Nov. 2	Chrg-Chrgin Nov. 8

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BIRTH.

MACKICHAN.—At 294, Peak, on
the 12th inst. to Mr. and Mrs.
A. S. Mackichan, a son.

MARRIAGE.

DE WINTON — DENNIS. — On
June 11, 1927, at Christ Church,
Esher, England, Vivienne
Dennis, daughter of Mrs.
Dennis and the late Mr. Henry
Lardner Dennis, of The Elms,
Thames Ditton, formerly of
Hong Kong, and Mr. W. Parry
de Winton, elder son of the
Hon. Mrs. de Winton, of
Slivich House, Brecon.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, July 13, 1927.

NATIONAL CALAMITIES.

By the creation at Geneva of an
International Relief Union in con-
nection with national calamities a
tremendous amount of good will
be done to the cause of humanity.
It may properly be regarded as
the natural complement of the
League of Nations Health Bureau
which publishes weekly state-
ments of the outbreak of epidemic
diseases and thus provides the
opportunity to one port or country
to take the necessary precautions
to obviate a similar outbreak.
The trend of cholera, smallpox,
plague, and so forth is clearly
shown week by week, giving
others nearest the infected cen-
tres ample time to tighten up
their public health administra-
tion and thus to limit as far as is
humanly possible the infected
zone.

An outbreak of plague on the
scale that obtained in this Colony

in 1894, when the death toll averaged a hundred per day, may properly be regarded as a national calamity, as also would the typhoon of 1906 which was responsible for the loss of life of 10,000 persons. Great fires, involving tremendous loss of life, may likewise come within the province of the International Relief Fund, also floods of the disastrous extent experienced on the West River, toward the relief of distress caused thereby the Government of Hong Kong has on several occasions generously voted large sums of money. Thus, it will be seen that the creation of an International Relief Fund has more than ordinary interest for the people of this Colony and the adjacent Province of Kwangtung.

To go further afield, there have been national calamities in the Philippines through typhoons, and there are the recurring series of disastrous earthquakes in Japan, besides the periodical famines and floods throughout China generally. These are national calamities of a kind that are brought home to us in this Colony by reason of their very proximity to us.

Looking still further away, the recent immense floods in the Mississippi Valley show that even the United States, in spite of its great national wealth, would welcome assistance of a kind that could be rendered in the hour of dire misfortune from the International Relief Fund. And down in Australia they have their bush fires and their periods of drought, the effect of which can truly be regarded as a national calamity of the kind for which aid is contemplated by the International Relief Fund.

No nation or Colony is immune from disasters of one kind and another, but obviously a purely local relief fund would only strain the resources of a community in distress still further. With the permission of the local Government, however, the Council of the International Relief Fund will come to the rescue at the time most appropriate and vote a sum sufficiently large to relieve the distress of the community, or that portion of the community that has been the victim of calamity or disaster. It is to be hoped that the Government of Hong Kong will at the earliest moment identify itself in a practical manner with the humane objects of the

International Relief Fund and that many of our wealthy residents will avail themselves of the opportunity afforded to make private gifts to the Fund.

Beggars on Warpath.

Taking advantage, maybe, of the splendid success of the new traffic game in progress in the middle of the town, in which more than a usual number of policemen are required to participate, Hong Kong's beggars are on the warpath in full strength. Along Battery Path in particular do they prefer to congregate, and it is quite common to meet two or three maimed and helpless individuals, pestering people in whining tones, in this thoroughfare at almost any hour of the day. Why, we wonder, do they select Battery Path? Is it because they may count upon waylaying (and disgusting) ladies coming from the Peak tram station to town, or is it because they have a good idea that the police do not seem to spend much time in patrolling around the Cathedral compound? Whatever their reason, they are an unmitigated nuisance, as is the crippled youth who is to be met with every morning on the footpath between the Kowloon post office and the European Y.M.C.A. ten yards from the Water Police Station. The problem of the beggar in our midst, we all know, is a difficult one, for it is so easy for them to return to the Colony after banishment. Still, if nothing else can be done, surely it is time for another police round-up and the shipment of the pests to some place outside the Hong Kong limits, so that at least temporary relief may be afforded the poor pedestrian these hot days.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PING PONG.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir—No doubt there are a good many of your readers who, like myself, were thrilled to learn from last evening's issue of your paper that an official of the All-England Ping Pong Club has issued a statement to the effect that there are no less than ten million ping pong sets in use to-day, the latest enthusiasts of the popular indoor pastime (the italics are mine) including His Majesty's eldest grandchild. As some of your readers might be led to suppose that the remaining 9,999,999 sets are to be found in the nurseries of other children of five years of age, I hasten to inform them that, according to the Home Mail to hand this morning, six Englishmen have recently arrived in Berlin for the purpose of taking part in the International Ping Pong contest. With due apologies to a well-known writer, I am therefore tempted to add.....

Oh, think of the six, so courageous and lonely.
Who heard and have answered
the national call,
And gone off to fight for old Eng-
land with only
A very small bat and a celluloid ball!

Just think of them ready to flip
their defiance,
At Russian or Prussian or
Frenchman or Swede,
Defeating the foreigner's trickiest
science

At least let us hope that's the
news we shall read.
The ball in its progress may
dazzle and flicker,
Propelled by the foreigner's
cunningest art.

But, quick though the pace is, the
Britons are quicker
In playing their manly and re-
solute part;
Their nerve is magnificent, nothing
affects it;
The eye is "well in" and the fore-
arm is strong—
No matter how artful the ping that
projects it.

The pillow returns with a true
British pong.
Oh, tell me no stories of stalwarts
who stick it
At Rugby or Soccer or frolics
like that.

And kindly refrain from all men-
tion of cricket
And games that are often ex-
ceedingly flat.

All other performers this news it
has stunned 'em—
Their prowess is quite over-
whelmed by the fame
Of the six who have gone to Berlin,
contra mundum.

To ping and to pong in Britan-
nia's name.
Yours, etc.,
IONIDES.

Hong Kong, July 12, 1927.

MR. AMERY'S TOUR.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir—In these days of Bolshevism
and revolutions, we hear a good
deal about what the Bolsheviks are
pleased to call "British Imperial-
ism." As one who has resided for
some time in British West Africa

I should like to endorse Mr.

Haynes' remarks regarding the
welfare of native populations.
There can be few who were present
during the Prince of Wales' visit
to West Africa in April, 1925 who
were not struck by the amazing
scenes of loyalty displayed by the
natives. And for that there must
have been, and certainly was, a
reason.

In dealing with primitive native
races, the British Government has
always considered itself to be en-
trusted with a two-fold duty.
Whilst regarding itself responsible
for their protection against ex-
ploitation, it has, at the same time,
endeavoured to develop a feeling of
self-respect and responsibility.
The old pursuits of hunting and
warfare are replaced by useful and
productive labour, and the indi-
vidual native is trained to some sense
of citizenship; that is, he is
brought to feel that he has some
stake in the country and some con-
nection with the government of it.
Herein lies the secret of Britain's
success.

Yours, etc.,
CHADITE.

Hong Kong, July 12th, 1927.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir—Whilst agreeing with Mr.
Haynes in his treatment of British
dealings with native peoples, there
is one point which he apparently
missed and one which, in my
humble opinion, should be em-
phasised, namely, the British
system of governing through the
native chiefs and tribal organisa-
tions, under the supervision of a
British official. In Northern
Nigeria, for instance, the Emirs
continue to govern their people by
native Mohammedan law, with the
advice of the British Commissioner.
Again, in each State of the Malay
Confederacy, there is a council of
the principal chiefs (in which the
British Resident has a seat) to
assist the Sultan. I believe that
the same policy is pursued in
Rhodesia, where the government is
conducted, as far as possible,
through the tribal chiefs. In this
way the native gets the kind of
Government he can understand.
The British Government admits
that the British system of govern-
ment is the best for Britain, but
it is not necessarily the best for
Nigeria, Rhodesia, or Malaya.
Whether or not the development
of the natural resources of tropical
countries is probably most effec-
tively secured by the economic
system of Western Europe, is a
matter which I leave for more able
writers than myself to decide. It
seems to me that a question of the
future will be whether the economic
demands of Europe are to be
allowed to overthrow these com-
munal institutions.

Yours, etc.,
IMPERIALIST.

Hong Kong, July 13, 1927.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MISS VIVIANNE DENNIS
MARRIED.

The marriage of Mr. W. Parry de
Winton, elder son of Mr. Parry de
Winton, of Slivich House, Brecon,
and Miss Vivienne Dennis, daugh-
ter of Mrs. Dennis and the late
Mr. Henry Lardner Dennis, of The
Elms, Thames Ditton, formerly of
Hong Kong (who was a brother of
of Mr. H. L. Dennis, of Messrs.
Hastings, Dennis and Bowley,
Hong Kong), took place on June 11
at Christ Church, Esher. The
Bishop of Monmouth, uncle of the
bridegroom, and the Rev. Dr. Floyer
officiated. The bride's trousseau
consisted of silver tissue and tulle
gown of silver tissue and tulle
and a train of silver tissue and
embroidered silver net, and her
lilac lace veil was a family heir-
loom. She carried a sheaf of lilies.

OBITUARY.

SIR JAMES MACDONALD.

London, June 29.
The death is announced of
Major-General Sir James Mac-
donald, K.C.I.E., K.C.B.,
C.B., LL.D., D.L. (Aberdeen),
has been Colonel Commandant of the
Royal Engineers since 1924. Born
in February, 1862, he was educated
at the Aberdeen Grammar School
and Aberdeen University. He en-
tered the Royal Engineers in 1882
and was promoted to the rank of
Brigadier-General Commanding the
Presidency Brigade in India in
1905. He served with the Hazara
Expedition in 1888 and as Chief
Engineer in charge of the Uganda
Railway, 1881-82. Prior to going
to India, the late Sir James acted
as Commissioner of Uganda Pro-
tectorate and commanded operations
against the rebels in 1893. He
commanded the Juba Expedition
1898-99, and was Director of Rail-
ways, China Expeditionary Force,
1901. During 1903-04 he commanded
operations in Tibet, including
engagements at Guru, Niana, Tsechen, capture of Gyantse
and the advance to Lhasa. He
commanded the Presidency Brigade,
1906-07, the Lucknow Infantry
Brigade, 1907-09, and the troops in
Mauritius, 1909-12.]

YAUMATI ROBBERY.

A thief entered No. 384 Reclama-
tion Street, Yaumati, last night by
forcing the staircase door and stole
a gramophone, some records and
some clothing, worth \$70. The
theft was discovered at 6 o'clock
in the morning.

P'RAPS—P'RAPS NOT!

"Solid Leather Lady's Hand-
bags at Reasonable Prices."—
Show-card in a shop-window.
She was in Kowloon the other
day, disguised as a solid morocco
lady.

Our stylists: "Approximately
one-fifth of the causes for which
motorists are stopped on the road
and for which they require out-
side assistance in order to get
them home is caused by ignition
troubles."—Mr. George C. Stead
in London Sunday paper.

When a man does something he
wants kept out of the paper he
considers a little publicity as well
as a little learning a dangerous
thing.

The modern idea of a "real
hero" is getting to be just a plain,
everyday man who pays his bills,
keeps his hair cut, does his work
and loves his wife.

"You seem to have had a
serious accident."
"Yes," said the bandaged per-
son. "I tried to climb a tree in
my motor-car."

"What did you do that for?"
"Just to oblige a lady who was
driving another car. She wanted
to use the road."

The teacher had been giving a
lecture to his class on modern
inventions. "Can any of you
boys," he said, "tell me of any-
thing of importance which did
not exist fifty years ago?"
"Me," exclaimed the brightest
pupil.

Little Joan: "Mummy, what's
this funny thing I've found?"
Mother: "That's called a hair-
pin, dear. If you take it to
grandma, she'll show you how it
was used."

The maid had been using sur-
reptitiously the bath-tub of her
employer, an elderly bishop. He
was a bachelor, very fastidious
about his toilet, and desired the
exclusive use of his tub. He re-
primanded the maid with much
indignation: "What distresses me
most, Mary, is that you have
done this behind my back."

The negro minister was trying
to impress his hearers with the
shame and remorse felt by the
prodigal son, and with his desire
to cast away his wicked doings:
"Dis young man got to thinking
about his meanness and his
miserly, and he tuk off his coat
and frowed it away. And den
he tuk off his vest and frowed
dat away. And den he tuk off
his shirt and frowed dat away,
too. And den he come to him-
self."

The best way to get rid of
duties is to discharge them.

A psychologist says that one
way to avoid apoplexy is to tell
the truth. But if we told the
whole truth it might give some
other people apoplexy.

Every man hath within himself
a continent of undiscovered char-
acter. Happy is he who acts the
Columbus to his own soul.

Wife: "John, dear, I am to be
in an amateur theatrical. What
would folk say if I were to wear
tight's?"

Indifferent Half: "They would
probably say that I married you
for your money."

A fortune-teller asked a lady
if she wanted to know about her
future husband. "No," she re-
plied. "I want to know something
about the past of my present
husband for future use."

Wife: Hullo, darling, had a
busy day?
Husband: A word of three
letters meaning not 'arf.

Wife: Did you remember to
post those letters?
Husband: A word of two let-
ters meaning nothing doing.

Wife: Never mind, dear. I
have asparagus for you for din-
ner.

Husband: That's good. Six
down and twelve across.

An old negro mammy at the
ticket window said to the busy
ticket agent who had answered
her call:

"I wants a ticket fo' Florence."
The ticket agent (after 10
weary minutes of examining the
railroad guide) said:

"Where the devil is Florence?"
to which query the old negro
mammy replied:

"She's settin' over dar on de
bench."

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse and Worse.

BY "THE MAILMAN."

"We have no sovereign remedy for piracy," says the "Daily Press" in an editorial. Alas, that is so!

Says Peter, one of those local racing tipsters makes quite a lot of money—playing poker.

The girl whose boy, admits he is only a pebble in her life often wishes he was a little boulder.

The Impudent Beggar. The lad who solicits alms every morning in the shade of the Water Police Station.

"Over and over again," said Mr. Churchill the other day, "it has happened to me to think of something which I thought was worth saying only to find that it had been already exploited and very often spoiled before I had an opportunity of saying it." Nothing like being modest about it.

The correspondent who is calling for a Y.M.C.A. balance sheet apparently wants to know where those two cents go to.

When the grass with dew is wet, Little skirt, you need not fret; Up above it you're so high That you can't help keeping dry.

Says Peter, its developed into a dotty affair, this white line business.

A Labour member has been complaining in Parliament that soldiers accommodated in Hong Kong have been getting too wet.

We hear that "British Boy" is thinking of writing a letter to the paper asking how they manage it with beer at 50 cents a bottle!

Says Peter, berthed ships mean beached crews.

It is no trouble at all to start a job. It's the fellow who finishes it who succeeds.

Hong Kong tourists looking for the district redly illuminated are requested not to hang around the Post Office or the other buildings cornering Des Vœux Road and Pedder Street.

Says Peter, if there weren't so many of those bad women about we wouldn't know a good one when we saw her.

The wages of gin is breath.

"Constables will wear black boots; subordinate officers may wear white boots"—H. K. Police Reserve orders. Such are the sweets of promotion.

"Wanted. — Accommodation. Would any Peak resident take young Service Officer and wife as paying guests? But is this "done" on the Peak?

The London City Corporation has voted £500 for the provision of a Y.M.C.A. hut for troops in China. Any smoke room to be provided?

"The Chinese Crisis as seen in British Columbia"—H. K. Daily Press. Keen-eyed, these Canadians.

Revision of the traffic problem at Kowloon ferry is to be put into operation by 1930, according to newspaper reports. There's really no stopping these Government officials once they start on a thing.

In an article reprinted in the "S. C. M. Post" a medical man states that it is dangerous for fair-skinned people to expose themselves to the tropical sun. Case of "losing face," presumably.

25 CENTS LIMIT.

ANOTHER CASE ON DAMAGE VALUES.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning under the "Summary Offences" Ordinance with damaging some growing shrubs on private property at Pokfulam, the Magistrate told Sgt. Whant that he could not convict unless it could be shown that damage was done to the minimum value of 25 cents. The "Larceny" Ordinance also did not apply, the case being a repetition of the coco-nuts on tree case heard recently, while the "Maliciously Damaging" Ordinance also had the 25 cents clause. His Worship remarked that it was a very curious state of affairs, and instructed the Sergeant

We hear that the "Mudford" Moderate party is being re-suscitated for the purpose of making representations to the Government in connection with the "popularising" of Repulse Bay by erecting a public matched. "Do we want our town to become a second Black-pools" was the Moderate Party war-cry.

Through reserving those new bathing cubicles at Repulse Bay for "two persons at a charge of 20 cents per head" it seems it really will be necessary to add to them.

"See what a touch of embroidery will do — advt. Umph!

The Chinese who was caught with a missing chicken in his hat should have produced a rabbit when challenged.

A parson says it is a rash thing for middle-age to pronounce verdicts what youth is thinking. So 'twould be for youth.

A message from Zamboanga states that July 4 celebrations were marred by a Moro who ran amok and killed his divorced wife, decapitated another, and attacked two children before he was shot and killed by a constabulary soldier. Chicago will be Jealous!

"American Consul. Leaves Canton for leave in America" (local newspaper). He must really have left.

In order to maintain the status quo as much as possible the second hand woods for Peak lawn bowlers will only be accepted from this side of the harbour.

Has the "very influential member" who thought of it first considered an occasional "smoker" up there as a recreative departure?

There is no truth in the report that an effigy of the late Mrs. Tang is to be placed in Statue Square.

Hong Kong guide (halting party of tourists at Jardine's corner, 2027): "These little white circles, ladies and gentlemen, have an interesting history. Now in the days of Alexander . . ."

Says Peter, however much you allow these Hong Kong wives for clothing they still go around half dressed.

The traffic light at Arsenal Street is of a "silly hue," according to a local Magistrate. Probably due to its turning "green" with envy at the popularity of the white line scheme elsewhere.

It didn't need the Wilbur Players to point out that the whole town's talking about the high price of loving in Hong Kong.

Is it merely coincidence that, with the return of moonlight bathing picnics, numerous "forthcoming wedding" announcements have appeared?

According to the C.S.P.'s notice published to-day they're going to make a whale of a fuss over that blinking beacon.

That 25 cent. limit clause covering damage cases looks like giving the Attorney-General a lot of trouble.

That cigarette controversy, instead of ending in smoke, may end in the Y.M.C.A. issuing the statement of accounts so many people are asking for.

to look up the point as it had cropped up twice within two weeks.

The Sergeant asked the Magistrate if the accused could be charged with trespass, to which Mr. Lindsell replied that the only trespass recognised by the Ordinance was on Government ground. There was only civil redress for trespass on private ground unless felonious intent could be proved. Damage done by such trespass came under the law only in accordance with the provisions made in the other Ordinances mentioned previously.

The accused was discharged.

Broadcasting will not out the printed word.—Lord Riddell. On the day we get the deeds of our \$140 house, wife and I were the happiest couple in the world.—Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

POLICE POWERS.

"WIPING OUT THE LAW OF ENGLAND."

MOTORISTS AND ARREST.

A further adjournment was made by Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon in the Repulse Bay Road case after more argument had been heard from Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton who is defending the two Chinese, Chang Hin-shun and Li Shiu-piu charged with the violation of traffic regulations.

The Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) appeared for the prosecution. Dealing with the ordinance giving the police power to arrest "any one who may be charged with or who may be suspected of being guilty of any offence," Mr. Brutton commented that if the ordinance were construed without any limitation it would override all the constitutional laws of England with regard to arrest.

Counsel argued that Inspector Grant should have stated by what authority he was arresting Chang. The mere statement that the defendant had broken certain traffic regulations was not enough. If a board construction was put on the police regulation relating to arrest, Mr. Brutton said that a policeman could lay hand on any person, and the man so arrested had no power to resist.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that hawkers were being arrested every day under that law. Mr. Brutton replied that the two cases of arrest were entirely different. A hawker was arrested for selling without a licence which was a direct contravention of the law, while the arrest of a motorist who broke some traffic regulations merely meant that he had committed a breach.

Mr. Lindsell was unable to see Mr. Brutton's point. "Extraordinarily Wide," Mr. Brutton: If your Worship construes the Ordinance as widely as you seem inclined to do you not only wipe out the law of England, you also wipe out the protection which a British subject and anyone under the British flag may be entitled to expect, and I ask your Worship to consider very carefully before you find a constable has no limit to his power of arrest.

The Magistrate admitted that the provisions of the Police Ordinance were extraordinarily wide. "Is it the same as the Police Act at home, Mr. Wolfe?"

Mr. Wolfe: I cannot say whether they are the same. Mr. Brutton commented that the police anywhere else in the world did not possess such extraordinarily wide power.

Mr. Wolfe: That Ordinance has not been repealed since 1900 which shows that the police have used their power with tact.

Mr. Lindsell intimated that he would reserve the point. From the wording of the section, he added, Mr. Brutton did not have a leg to stand on.

Evidence for Defence.

Evidence for the defence was then taken. The first defendant, Chang Hin-shun, went into the witness box. He said he had been driving a motor car in America and Shanghai previous to coming to Hong Kong and had never had any complaints against him. On June 27 he took three friends with him to Repulse Bay in his car No. 555. He admitted having passed Inspector Grant's car, but said the latter was travelling very slowly, and inclined towards the side of the road. The Inspector's car, he added, was throwing out volumes of smoke through the exhaust.

Upon arrival at Repulse Bay, the Inspector came up and sarcastically asked him if he was very smart. Witness denied using abusive language. The Inspector, he said, was very angry. Witness was seized by the wrist and then by the collar. As he (defendant) could not leave the car at the time, his foot being on the brake as the car was then on a slight incline, Inspector Grant climbed into the car and twisted him arm. Then the Inspector assaulted witness. Several bathers then came on the scene, and although they were doctors, the Inspector refused to consider their offer to stand surety for the witness, but insisted that he should travel back to town in the Inspector's car. At the station he was released on bail of \$100 for which no receipt was given.

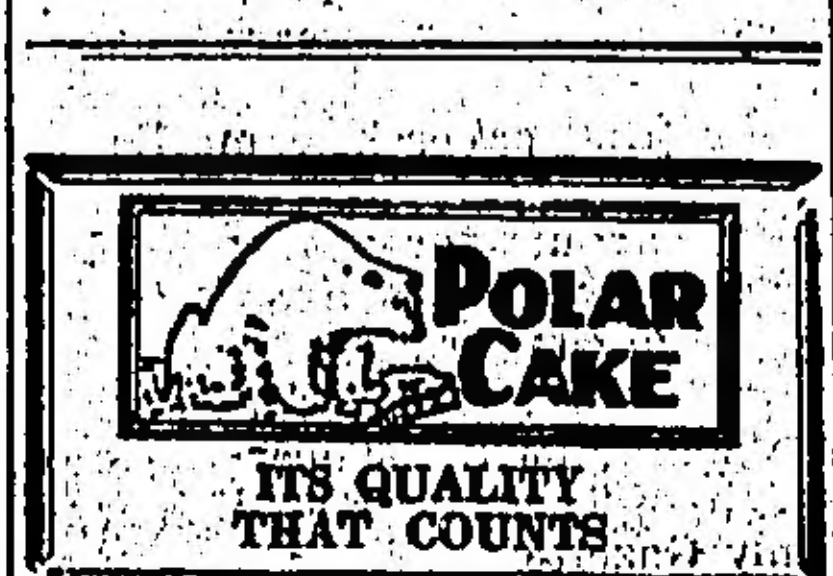
The case was adjourned until 11.30 on Friday morning next.

REVOLVER STOLEN.

Major H. N. Sandler, R.A., residing at the R.A. quarters in the old cannery on the Kowloon City Road, reports the theft yesterday from his quarters of a Webley service revolver.

WOMAN'S CUT THROAT.

A Chinese woman was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital in a serious condition suffering from a cut in the throat said to have been self inflicted with a razor.



STOLEN CURRENT?

ALLEGED TAMPERING WITH METERS.

QUESTION OF A SUMMONS.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. Schofield heard a case in which the manager of the Sun Kam San Restaurant was charged with the larceny of electricity.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, solicitor for the China Light and Power Company, while the defendant was represented by Mr. D. McCallum.

The defendant was charged with larceny of electricity by tampering with meters, said Mr. Armstrong, but the case against the man in Court could not be proceeded with as he had been informed by Mr. McCallum, that the man who had appeared to answer the summons was not the man whose name appeared on the writ. This man, the licensee of the restaurant, had gone to Shanghai. As it was impossible to proceed against the manager on the same summons, Mr. Armstrong suggested that the original summons against the licensee be withdrawn, and another be taken out against the manager, who, Mr. Armstrong understood, was prepared to answer the charge.

The Magistrate suggested altering the names on the original summons, but Mr. McCallum proposed that as a matter of procedure the summons should be dismissed against the licensee and a fresh one be taken out against the manager. Evidence for the prosecution was that when the No. 1 meter reader visited the premises, the defendant offered him a bribe not to report the matter, and this Mr. Armstrong contended, showed that the defendant knew that the meters were being tampered with, although he did not do it himself.

There was evidence also that the three meters in the restaurant had been tested, and this showed that on certain dates the hands had been turned back. The case was adjourned for a week.

PURE MILK.

PRECAUTIONS AT DAIRY FARM.

NEW FILTER INSTALLED.

With reference to a discussion at a recent Sanitary Board meeting as to precautions in the matter of the milk supply at the Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, a letter was read from the Dairy Farm at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, pointing out that all water used in the Dairy Farm was boiled, while all washing water was chlorinated. All utensils, including the large coolers, are submitted to live steam so that every possible precaution is being taken to safeguard the public in the matter of providing a pure and safe milk.

With regard to the Dairy Farm filter at Pokfulam, which Mr. N. L. Smith (Chairman) said had been deemed by the Board following certain experiments as not entirely satisfactory, the Dairy Farm stated that the present filter was to be changed for a combined mechanical and decolor filter.

A Night Nuisance. Referring to a complaint taken up by Mr. J. P. Braga as to the mooring of a night-soil junk under the bows of the Sze Yap, Kong-moon steamers and in the vicinity of the new Connaught Road West Hotel, the Chairman stated that it was not easy to find a position which would please everyone, for such junks which were bound to go somewhere along the waterfront at night, arrangements had been made in this case which would, it was hoped, be an improvement both for the ships' officers in question and the residents of the Hotel.

DEATHS AT SEA.

The master of the s.s. "Dewey," which arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, reports the death from drowning of the chief officer at Legaspipe, P.I.

A Chinese passenger aboard the s.s. "Tara" died between Hong Kong and Singapore, reports the master.

WILBUR PLAYERS.

THREE PLAYS FOR THREE NIGHTS.

PROGRAMME CHANGED.

The programme of the Wilbur Players has been amended for the three remaining nights during which they will give performances at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon.

Three plays are to be given on each successive night, "The High Cost of Loving" to-night, "The Girl From 'Childs'" to-morrow night and "Her Unborn Child" on Friday night.

COOL THIEF.

ROBBERY AT BATHING MATSHED.

JUST HELPED HIMSELF.

Strolling into the men's dressing matshed at the Kennedy Town beach yesterday, a Chinese helped himself to a black suit of Chinese clothing which he wrapped in a piece of paper and calmly walked out. He was stopped by a detective and taken into custody. When the clothing was inspected at the station a gold wrist watch found in one of the coat pockets.

This morning he was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the theft of the clothing and the watch, and although he was wearing a white suit, the accused said that he had taken the clothing by mistake. Sgt. Whant told the Magistrate that there had been three or four thefts on that same beach during the last month, and although detectives had been placed on duty on the beach, it had been very difficult to make an arrest.

Remarking that the accused simply went to the beach to steal, the Magistrate convicted and passed sentence of six weeks' jail.

STRICKEN PEOPLES.

RELIEF IN TIMES OF GREAT DISASTER.

LEAGUE UNION FORMED.

Geneva, July 12. The League of Nations conference to create an international relief union in the case of disasters opened, which opened on July 4, has concluded its sittings.

The Conference adopted a draft convention and statute providing for the establishment of such a union and fixing its scope and modus operandi in the case of national calamities.

The convention provides for the union to operate for the benefit of all stricken peoples. Action by the union in any country is subject to the consent of its government.

The union will be directed by a general council with headquarters in Geneva. Its resources will consist, in addition to an initial fund of voluntary grants by governments and private gifts.—Reuter.

SPY MANIA.

NAVAL OFFICER'S WIDOW TO DIE.

Moscow, July 12. A court martial at Cronstadt has passed the sentence of death on Madame Klepikoff, widow of the Commander of the Russian Baltic Fleet, who was shot on a charge of having engaged in "espionage for England," Madame Klepikoff was charged with "complicity and assisting military espionage."—Reuter.

ASKING FOR TROUBLE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, a Chinese was charged with the theft of ten pieces of clothing from No. 7, Saion Terrace at mid-night last night. It was explained by the police that the clothing was on a chair at the foot of an open window on the ground floor, and the accused merely stretched his hand inside and took it. In convicting the accused, the Magistrate remarked that people who left clothing in such a manner were inviting thieves. The police having proved a previous conviction, Mr. Lindsell passed sentence of six weeks' jail.

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North River at Samahut	+27.3"	0"	+19.8"	+19.8"
East River at Shichang	+15.2"	0"	+8.9"	+8.9"

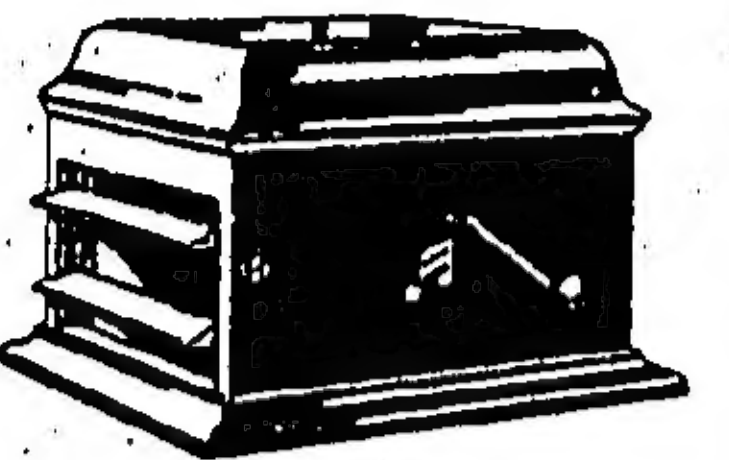
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Three cases of enteric fever, two in the Victoria and the third in the Kowloon district, were notified yesterday. Two were British and the other was Chinese.

The annual sports gathering of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation took place at the Bank's ground at New Beckenham on Saturday, June 11. Mrs. R. E. N. Padfield distributed the prizes.

The following will take part in a special concert which has been arranged in St. Andrew's Church Hall on July 13 at 8 o'clock and to which all service men are cordially invited. Mrs. F. J. Jenner, Miss May Gaubert, Miss Doris Pumphrey, Mr. Russell, Mr. Tippet, Mr. Warren, Mr. Chaplin, Miss C. Dixon and Mr. J. Pearn.

Although Conduit Road has now been cleared of the huge pile of earth and stone which blocked it on May 23, when there was a landslide due to the heavy rainfall, the work of reconstruction will take over six months to complete. Another retaining wall will be necessary, built up from the new road below, and considerable expense will have to be incurred in ensuring safety on the new section of Conduit Road.

Lord Dewar's role as an epigrammatist had full sway at the jubilee dinner of the Distillers' Company on June 2, among his efforts being the following:—"The real puzzle to-day is China. Never was it more necessary to handle China with care." "The under-dog in China at the present time appears to be the Pekingese." "People who produce most of the trouble produce little else."

Accusing fingers may be pointed at America, and in particular at Chicago, but, judging from an administration report, crime in Burma is no less heinous and rampant. Over 800 persons were murdered last year, and robbery with violence increased nearly 24 per cent. Some of the crime were terrible in their savagery. One fisherman was hacked to death because he would not surrender the day's catch. Several victims were tortured and burned. The prisoners in Pyawon Gaol revolted and killed or wounded all the police in charge of them. Chinese gambling in Rangoon was checked through tracking a gang to their headquarters in a subterranean drain.



Princess Juliana of Holland, who is to spend three weeks in Norway during August.

The Alaska cable has suffered from the attack of a whale, which, by some means became entangled, and tried to bite a way out. Both the damaged cable and the whale were brought up together when the cable repair ship was sent out to investigate the cause of the fault. Eighty feet of the cable will have to be replaced.

The patients of the Third General Hospital, Kowloon (Diosan Boys' School) are to have another entertainment provided to-morrow night when Messrs. G. W. C. Burnett, O. Eager, T. G. Paterson and Mrs. H. Minney are to give items from their repertoire, with Mr. H. J. Fountain as accompanist. The concert is arranged under the auspices of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee.

The Editor of the "Truth" commenting on the fear of women's competition in the battle of life, which has been expressed in the "Isis" and by the Dons in a wider press, says that the last time he was in Oxford it struck him that it was the men who were feminizing the place and the women who were giving it such touches of masculinity as it possessed. He suggests that the University authorities should rid Oxford of the extremely unpleasant young gentlemen who mince up and down the High in waisted jackets and are not ashamed to touch up their complexions.

The Boy Scouts' Association, Malaya area, are holding a camp at the Penang Volunteer Corps camp ground, Penang, from August 8 to 16.

Prince Chula of Siam occupied a box at the Derby Eve Ball. Prince Chula has only recently left Harrow School. He is slight and pale, and does not in the least look like a Siamese. He takes squash-rackets lessons at the Royal Automobile Club.

There was a large audience of Service men at a concert given by the "J-Pans" at the Shumshupo military camp last night when a varied programme of dances, songs and humorous items was greatly appreciated. Those taking part were Misses V. Capell, P. Capell, E. Rose, B. Walker, C. Xavier, I. Schierhorst, D. Capell, M. Gittins, R. Wong and Messrs. G. Bond, C. D. Lake, A. W. Ramsey, T. V. Harmon, F. P. Lanfesty, G. Arnold and H. Glover. Miss Vaughan was the accompanist.

A five storey building in front and eight storey behind is to be erected next to the A.P.C. building in Queen's Road, Central above the premises now occupied by Roland Sarrault, a money changer, and a rattan work shop which is stated to have been acquired for three lakhs. It is expected that the work of demolition will commence in September. The new building will have a frontage of 45 feet in Queen's Road and as it will be on a level with the A.P.C. building the footpath will be considerably widened at this point. Provision will be made for shops on the ground floor and the rest will consist of offices.

To the frequent complaint of some British men of commerce that conferences are a mere waste of time, the customary reply of their contemporaries in Germany and other go-ahead countries is to send as many delegates as they can manage. Thus, it is not surprising to find 1,000 acceptances for the forthcoming Stockholm Conference including 300 from Germany, 200 from France, and only 100 from Great Britain. Perhaps we flatter ourselves that we know all that is to be known. If so, says the London correspondent of a Liverpool paper, I am afraid we flatter ourselves; the interchange of opinions on commercial subjects, if nothing else, is worth while, and the discussions frequently enough contain the germ of an improvement which may be elaborated upon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Bishop Mowll (Bishop in Western China) and Mrs. Mowll have arrived in England. They expect to return to China in September.

Sailing to-day by the "Empress of Asia" for the north and Canada are Mr. Durschmidt, of S.O.C.O.N.Y. bound for Vancouver; Mrs. E. Stone, for Japan; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roxburgh, Major H. Tatlow and the Hon. Mr. L. Queson, President of the Philippine Senate, for Shanghai.

A correspondent sends us an unusual announcement from the "Melbourne Age"—an intimation of the death of Mrs. J. M. Fawaz, followed by the words "Died of a broken heart." Mrs. Fawaz was the mother of the singer known as Florence Austral, who was recently divorced.

Madame Camille Malherbe, who passed away at the General Hospital, Singapore, on July 2, at an advanced age, was a well-known figure in Singapore for very many years. She was the oldest French resident, having lived there over thirty years, never having left the place in that time.

What Mr. Justice Sproule described as an epoch-making event took place in the Supreme Court, Penang, on July 4, when Miss Lim Beng Hong was admitted to practice at the Penang Bar. She is a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple and was called with her brother, Lim Khye Seng, who was also admitted, and they intend commencing in practice under the name of Lim and Lim.

At a congregation of Cambridge University on honorary degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred upon Professor Gilbert Murray, Regius Professor of Greek in the University of Oxford. The public orator, Mr. Glover, introduced Sir Gilbert to the Vice-Chancellor, and in the course of a laudatory speech in Latin, said: "You know what this man's name means among Britons, among all of our race or speech: he teaches us to live like men, to feel like men, to serve the common republic of all men and all races."

A Reuter cable from New York announces the death of Mr. E. Charlton Black, Professor of English Literature at Boston University.

The Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Matsui were guests of General Sir John and Lady Maxwell at a "Housewarming" party, given at 34, Belgrave Square on June 7.



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At the inaugural luncheon of the Oversea Dominions, Crown Colonies, Protectorates, and Mandated Territories Section of the Forum Club, the President of the Club, Princess Marie Louise, said the new section is for the benefit of British women who are, or who have been, on service or resident overseas, by providing a central meeting-place when they are in the home country. She spoke from her personal experience of the loneliness of white women who are helping to build the Empire in distant corners of the earth.

Major-General Harushige Ninomiya, representing Japan, was one of the military attaches of the Foreign Powers at the troping of the colour on June 4.

Among passengers departing yesterday by s.s. "Shinyo Maru" for the north and San Francisco, were Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Cassidy, Lieut. H. Elliot, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, Lieut.-Col. W. D. Barber and Major Jackson.

Miss Hortense Cartier, aged 78, who is believed to be the sole surviving descendant of Sir George Etienne Cartier, first of the French settlers in Canada under the Dominion Government, arrived in Liverpool from Paris en route for Canada, where she is going by special invitation to attend the Diamond Jubilee of the Confederation of the Dominion in Montreal. Sir George was a direct descendant of Jacques Cartier, who gave its name to the St. Lawrence River.

"Bang!" went something at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Paddington, W., while Field-Marshal Lord Allenby, after distributing the awards, was addressing the students. At the moment he was saying, "Of course, the war, unfortunate though it has been for humanity, has been very useful to the surgeon." He paused at the "bang," smiled, and remarked: "That is dealing with a hopeless case, I suppose; all I should say is R.I.P." (Laughter.)

Mr. Charles Wiggins, who over thirty years ago was a member of the staff of the "Straits Times," during the regime of the late Mr. Arnot Reid, passed away somewhat suddenly on May 23, at his residence at Redcar. He joined "The Chatham Observer" as an article pupil upwards of forty years ago. After several years on the staff of that paper he came East and served on the "Straits Times" about three years. Returning home, he held posts on papers in Staffordshire and the North of England. For many years he was a member of the staff of "The North Eastern Daily Gazette."

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SPORTS

HOBBS' NEW RECORD.

Review of County Cricket Matches.

SOME HEAVY SCORING.

Penalties of "Wasting."

A BASEBALL NOTE.

(By "Stalwart.")

The home County cricket matches which were commenced on Saturday last have produced some interesting results. First and foremost, there is Hobbs' new record. The great Surrey batsman has signalled his return to first class cricket after a lengthy "lay off" owing to indisposition in a wonderful manner. His hundred centuries is the first to be obtained for Surrey, and, I think, the first that has been obtained for any County. Hobbs, of course, has scored considerably more than 100 centuries—142 to be exact. I seem to remember him passing the hundred mark four or five years ago. W. G. Grace, throughout his career, scored 126 centuries, though not all for his county, Gloucestershire, and Tom Hayward made 104 in first class cricket; C. B. Fry got as far as 94 and "Ranji" 72.

The next item of importance in the cricket results published to-day is the fact that two players made double centuries, the heroes being Bates (200 not out), of lowly-placed Glamorgan, and Bowley (220), of Sussex. Bates is one of the Yorkshire-born players who have qualified for the gallant little Welsh county. Bell, their leading batsman last year, is another "Tyke" by birth. Bates has never scored a double century before, though he has been a consistently good bat for a number of years. Last year he was one of the two Glamorgan players to run into four figures as a season's aggregate.

Bowley is one of the Sussex mainstays. Last year he scored 1,419 runs, having an average of 30.84. He is a Surrey man by birth and his first match for Sussex was against Somerset in 1912. He has made a double century before, when he compiled 228 against Northamptonshire at Brighton in 1921. On that occasion he and Maurice Tate added 385 for the second wicket. This is a Sussex record.

Other heavy scorers were Bates of Warwickshire (118 not out), Higgins of Worcestershire (123), Chapman of Kent (113), Legge of Kent (104), Hobbs of Surrey (121), Whysall of Nottinghamshire (184) and Sutcliffe of Yorkshire (169). It is noted that the Kent and Surrey match was again played at Blackheath this year, after being switched over to Maidstone last season after a lapse of 23 years.

By soundly defeating Hampshire, Lancashire maintain their position at the top of the championship table. Notts only managing to take first innings points from Yorkshire, despite Whysall's masterly 184 out of a total of 348. Surrey are performing differently of late, and hardly deserve to be fourth in the list. Kent still remain below Sussex, Middlesex and Leicestershire, though there is now not much difference in their percentage figures. Little Glamorgan has climbed one place, and no longer holds the table down, this dubious honour falling to Worcester, who have lost 12 fully played matches out of 16.

W. E. Merritt's good bowling for the New Zealanders at Maidenhead will increase interest in this very young bowler's first appearance at Lord's. Merritt, who is only 18, has had only one season of senior club cricket, and his selection for the New Zealand team after a special trial before the selectors was the greatest surprise of the New Zealand season. It surprised no one more than Merritt himself, but it was in accordance with the selectors' policy of picking young players. The average age of the team is only 24.

Next September will see another international contest for the Westchester Polo Cup. The challengers are the British Army in India, and the contests will take place in America, at famous Meadowbrook. The Army's ponies are at Aldershot at present.

Forty of them are to be sent to the United States early next month, which means that the British team will not be getting in any London matches prior to the tests across the Atlantic. The side is due over the water in July and will practise on "enemy" territory.

I hear that Vicente Zofra, a Filipino baseball player, who is now connected with the Filipino Baseball Club in Hong Kong, is desirous of joining the Filipino baseball squad which will represent the islands in the Far Eastern Games. A letter to this effect has been received in Manila.

There are two jockeys who are unlikely to forget this year's Kempton Park Jubilee Handicap, which was won by Abbot's Speed for Lord Dewar during mail week. The jockeys concerned are J. Marshall, who rode Abbot's Speed, and N. Carroll, who had hard luck in not riding the mount instead. Marshall, to take the mount, had to declare two pounds over weight, which was as low as he could go to scale. Carroll was told he could have the mount if he could reduce himself to the handicap weight—7st. 6lbs. With this object in view he put in some strenuous work before racing began running round the track. The sweltering heat helped him to lose the necessary weight, but unfortunately so reduced his strength that he was unfit to undertake the mount. J. Marshall therefore rode Abbot's Speed, and although carrying the two pounds extra he won easily from Embargo by three lengths.

LOCAL TENNIS.

WIN FOR DIOCESAN BOYS SCHOOL.

Played at the temporary premises of the School on Monday, the School beat the British General Hospital by 55 games to 44. J. Chan and Pong Pun-fong lost to Major Flood and Captain Bonavia 3-6, lost to Q.M.S. Goad and S.S. Sims 5-6, beat Sm. Simmons and S.S. O'Flaherty 2-17-16. Ma Chiu-chong and Cheng Kim lost to Major Flood and Captain Bonavia 3-6, beat Q.M.S. Goad and S.S. Sims 7-4, lost to Q.M.S. Goad and S.S. Sims 5-6, beat Sm. Simmons and S.S. O'Flaherty 8-3=20-13.

Totals: The Diocesan Boys' School, 55 games; British General Hospital 44.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER.

MEDICALS PLAYING SCOTS GUARDS.

At Sookpoo this afternoon the R.A.M.C. eleven opposed the Scots Guards, the game commencing at 5.30 p.m. The winners will no doubt be watched against a Chinese team for the usual Saturday game.

DOUBLE CENTURIES.

Bates and Bowley Shine With Bat.

HOBBS AGAIN.

Surrey and Yorkshire Lose Points.

The cricket matches over the week end at home were signalled by the scoring of a couple of double centuries, an unusual feat. Bates of Glamorgan and Bowley of Sussex were the batsmen. Hobbs turned out for Surrey after a fairly long absence and created another first class cricket record, that of obtaining 100 centuries in strictly county games. There was a lot of high scoring, and also some good bowling, one team being dismissed for less than 100.

London, July 12. The Warwickshire-Somerset match, which was commenced at Birmingham was abandoned owing to rain after Warwick had scored 241 for two, of which Bates made 118.

Win for Lancs. Lancashire, at Southampton beat Hampshire by ten wickets.



Jack Hobbs, Surrey.

Lancashire made 297 and 50 for no wickets. Hampshire scored 139 and 207, MacDonald taking seven wickets for 78.

Northants Lose. Essex beat Northants at Colchester by 61 runs. Essex scored 184 and 163. Northants scored 157 and 129, Russell taking five wickets for 32. Bates Big Score.

Glamorgan took first innings points from Worcestershire at Kidderminster. Glamorgan scored 390 (Bates 200 not out).

AFTER DERBY WEEK.

LITTER OF THE RACE GOER.

An army of men, it is stated, will be employed for several months clearing the litter on Epsom Downs after Derby week, and in getting the course in order again—every foot-mark on the running and exercise grounds will have to be lifted with a fork, the turf replaced and rammed down by hand. Hundreds of tons of paper will have to be collected and burned—sporting editions, bookies' cards, and race programmes lay so thickly that great patches of the grass could not be seen at all. The ditches were filled, and against the railings, the booths, and the buildings, and in the paddocks and on the lawns the litter of the race goer lay in deep drifts.

"The meeting was very successful in every way," said an official to a Press representative, "and I heard nothing but praise for the new stand. Some people thought there ought to be lifts to the three tiers of private boxes, and unless it is found that there are technical difficulties in the way, these will be installed in time for the next Spring meeting. The stand was really built for one day in the year. The crowd on the hill and other parts of the course was very big on Derby Day, but I don't think it was bigger than that in the boom year of 1920. It is absolutely impossible to estimate the number accurately."

"If the public would be more considerate," said Mr. C. J. Langlands, Clerk of the Course, "and not walk about on the running ground and throw broken glasses and bottles on to it, it would help the management considerably. On the Sunday before the meeting some thousands of people went to look at the new stand. They marched up and down the running ground continuously, and this was one of the primary causes of the course being board-hard."

PERAK TURF CLUB.

MEMBERS OBJECT TO CHANGE OF NAME.

An attempt to avoid confusion between the Perak Turf Club, the big professional club at Ipoh, and the Perak Gymkhana Club, an amateur club with its centre at Teluping, was made at the annual meeting of the latter when a proposal, on behalf of the Sultan of Perak was moved to change the name into the Teluping Gymkhana or Turf Club, but members strenuously opposing the motion it was lost. The meeting passed the programme for the amateur meet in August, including the Sultan's Gold Cup steeplechase.

Worcester made 227 (Higgins 123) and, following on, 41 for two. Low Derby Scoring. Leicestershire at Leicester beat Derbyshire by seven wickets. Derby made 263 and 84, Geary taking six wickets for 13 runs. Leicester scored 281 and 67 for three wickets.

BOWLEY'S 220.

Sussex won on the first innings against Gloucestershire at Brighton. Sussex scored 374 (Bowley 220) and 169. Gloucester made 298 and 44 for no wickets.

Blackheath Duel. Kent took first innings points from Surrey at Blackheath.



Sutcliffe, Yorks.

Kent made 487 (Chapman 113, Legge 104). Surrey made 245 (Hobbs 121, thus scoring the 100th century for Surrey and his 142nd, in first class cricket).

Yorks Drop Points. Nottinghamshire, at Bradford, took first innings points from Yorkshire.

Notts scored 343 (Whysall 184). Yorkshire made 320 (Sutcliffe 169).

Visitors Win. Playing the East of England at Wisbech, the New Zealanders won by eight wickets.

The homesters scored 177 and 145. New Zealand replied with 243 and 76 for 2.—Reuter.

Hobbs' New Record.

Rugby, July 12. Hobbs, Surrey cricketer, to-day set up a new record by scoring his hundredth century for Surrey and his one hundred and forty-seventh century in first class cricket. Playing against Kent at Blackheath, he made one hundred and twenty-one. Hobbs is first batsman to complete hundred centuries for his county team.—British Wireless Service.

SOVIET RACING.

TOURING COMPANY OF HORSES.

Horse-racing in Russia, which before the war was organised on British lines, was at first stopped by the Bolsheviks as being a "bourgeois" institution. Of late, however, owing to the initiative of a group of military chiefs, it has been re-established on Soviet lines—i.e., "without the admixture of bourgeois ideas of betting," says the "Daily Mail."

Such at least is the ukase on paper; in reality betting goes on, if not on a large scale, at any rate sufficiently widely to be taken notice of by the authorities. "The evil of betting," says an official proclamation, "has been brought into the country by ex-refugees from London, Paris and New York." This, however, is untrue, since betting was known and practised in Russia before the war.

The "Derby." A Soviet "Derby" was run several days ago over a course 2,400 metres long, and seems to have been something of a handicap event. Some horses ran the whole length of the course, while others were given certain starts. A curious novelty in Soviet racing is "a touring company of racehorses." These horses travel all over the country and are featured as performers at local "Jigitovkas" (horsemanship displays on the lines of the Cossack performances in London). Local horses can be entered against the visiting team for special races.

Moscow, Kiev, and other large cities have regular racing three or four times a week, and the three star jockeys in the capital are Chudenko, Grigorieff, and Keyton. The latter is stated to be either British or of British descent. Before the war many British jockeys were employed by Russian owners both at Moscow and in the country.

HOME OPEN GOLF.

CYRIL TOLLEY TAKES THE LEAD.

DUNCAN FAILS TO QUALIFY.

St. Andrews, July 12. Tolley playing brilliantly and equalling for a few minutes his old record on the new course set Jones 71 to get and headed the qualifiers with 144. Charles Whitcombe returned 145, Neilhorn 146, Jones 147, Kirkwood 148, and Tweddell 149. Duncan failed, taking 162. Gollins returned a score of 147. Other qualifiers were Barnes and Nabholz (158). Five of the lesser known Americans failed, together with Duncan and Wethered, the latter returning 161.—Reuter.

TUNNEY'S PLANS.

THINKS HE WILL RETAIN TITLE.

SHARKEY'S CHANCES.

New York, June 18. Distressing news for the survivors of the heavyweight elimination tournament is being spread by Gene Tunney who has returned to New York from a three months' vaudeville tour.

Gene proposes to knock his next opponent as flat as a blue note from a saxophone in order to wipe out the impression that Tunney wears a high hat and is not a killer.

Tunney is a trifle tired of the footlights now and ready for battle.

LAWN BOWLS.

Will Club Secretaries or Bowls Conveners kindly send in teams for Saturday's League games in time to be published in our issue of Friday?

"I will prove in the ring that the impression of my high hat is erroneous," said Gene. "But of course, to reasonable men I have only to point my record. I knocked out three men who never before had taken the count—Barthley Madden, Tommy Gibbons and Jeff Smith. And if necessary I'm willing to keep right on."

The champion repressed a smile when asked his opinion of the survivor of the winter bouts to determine a logical contender for his title. He is not given to "belittling," but he admits he expects to be the titleholder a year from now and then some.

To Appear in London.

It may be that Tunney will be satisfied to prove his fighting heart by causing some British heavyweight to dive for the result at Wembley Stadium this summer. Tunney said he proposed to appear in London in an exhibition bout while the last of the heavyweight contenders in this country were completing the business of elimination.

"When I return it will be to fight for Tex Rickard, of course, and no one else. Naturally, I am bound by my contract and anything to the contrary is without foundation said the champion.

On the matter of the comparative merits of the remaining contenders for his title, Tunney remained discreetly silent.

"If I praise one I make the other sore," he said. "When I was a contender and Jack Dempsey said anything favourable about Harry Wills or Jack Delaney, I would boil with rage." There is an undercurrent of belief in the Tunney entourage, however, that Paul Cusack, the Boston Polack, will be the ultimate survivor and the recipient of the champion's favours some dark September night. Cusack, whose fighting name is Jack Sharkey, is rated somewhat higher than his fellow townsman, Jimmy Maloney, by those close to the titleholder.—United Press.

FRENCH ELECTORAL REFORM.

Paris, July 12. The Chamber of Deputies has finally passed the electoral reform bill by a vote of 320 to 254. The debates were of a most critical nature and several night-long sittings were held.—Reuter.



BARONET JAILED.

BLACK BOOT POLISH CASE SENTENCE.

TRENCH FEVER EFFECTS.

London, June 28. Sir Gerard Maxwell-Willshire, Bt., pleaded guilty at the Maidstone Assizes to having assaulted Miss Jean Olds, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., defending, said that Willshire contracted virulent trench-fever during the War, which occasionally recurred at the slightest indulgence in drink, and had an extraordinary effect.

He added that Willshire was being treated for neurosthenia. [Earlier messages stated:—London, May 12.—At 5 o'clock yesterday morning a young London woman called at a house near Sittingbourne, and alleged that a titled gentleman had conveyed her in a car, ostensibly to dinner and a dance at Maidstone, but stopped in a lonely place in which, after struggle, he stripped her and tied her to a tree, coated her with black boot polish, and drove off. She freed herself and staggered to a house, where she was given food and a bath, and returned to London. Sir Gerard Maxwell-Willshire, Bt., who is an actor, was charged at Maidstone to-day with indecently assaulting Jean Olds, aged 22, an assistant, employed at a London hair-dresser's firm. Willshire strenuously denied the charge and was remanded on bail. London May 19.—Spruce and alert, Sir Gerald Maxwell-Willshire, Bt., surrendered his bail at the Maidstone Court to-day. The prosecution detailed evidence that she met Willshire first at a hotel at Maidstone on Sunday. He called at her boarding house in London next evening, and she accompanied him on a motor car ride, arriving at a hotel in Maidstone at one o'clock in the morning. They proceeded to drive to a lonely wood, where she alleged the events which formed the subject of the charge occurred. After that, clad only in shoes and stockings, and smeared about till she reached a house at 4.30 o'clock in the morning. Willshire was committed for trial at the next Assizes. Bail was granted.]

EMPIRE FILMS.

FREE CINEMA OPENING IN LONDON.

London, June 28. A free cinema, at which films depicting life in various parts of the Empire will be shown, is opening at the Imperial Institute on Friday.

It is provided from funds given by the Empire Marketing Board. Films will be shown daily, as a supplement to a tour of exhibition galleries containing displays of Empire activities. The object of the film is to educate youth in the scenery, activities and products of the Empire.

The cinema will work in co-operation with all schools in London, so that classes receiving instruction regarding certain countries will be enabled to visit the cinema and see for themselves. The public will also be catered for by travel films, one of which, "Sport in India," has been lent by the High Commissioner for India.

PERSIA'S DEBT.

BRITAIN'S OFFER TO REDUCE TO £2,000,000.

London, June 30. A Labour member's interjection that Persia with a balanced Budget was relatively more prosperous than Great Britain was made during question-time, in the House of Commons in raising the question of Persia's indebtedness to Great Britain.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill explained that Great Britain had agreed to reduce her claim in respect of various loans to Persia exceeding £4,500,000 to £2,000,000, payable in 25 annuities of £180,000 each, representing 7 per cent. interest and 2 per cent. for sinking fund.

The Persian Government accepted this offer in March, 1926, and promised to submit it to Majlis for ratification, but despite a reminder in May, 1927, this had not yet been done.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

Rugby, July 12. Paris 124 New York 4.85½ Brussels 24.91½ Geneva 25.22 Amsterdam 12.11½ Milan 89.25 Berlin 20.46 Stockholm 18.13 Copenhagen 18.16½ Oslo 18.78 Vienna 34.5 Prague 16.37 Helsinki 18.2½ Madrid 28.32½ Lisbon 27.16 Athens 307½ Bucharest 810 Rio 27.82 Buenos Aires 47.49/64 Bombay 1/5 55/64 Shanghai 2/6½ Hong Kong 2/0½ Yokohama 1/11 11/32 Silver Spot and Forward 26 —British Wireless Service.

SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

Hong Kong, July 13, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Stock	Hong Kong Stock Exchange
T.T. on London	1/11½
T.T. on Shanghai	78¾
Bank of China	1005 b & a
do. Lon. Reg.	115 n
Chartered Bank	220 n
Mercantile A. & B.	131 n
do. C.	134 n
P. & O. Bank	10½ b
East Asia	48 n
Marine Insurance:	
Canton Insurance	8620 s
China Underwriters	80 cts. n
North China Insurance	1148 b
Union Insurance	2278 b 2280 s
Yangtze Insurance	40 M. n
Fire Insurance:	
China Fire Insurance	5210 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	5900 n
Shipping:	
Dougllass	331½ b
H.K. Steamboat	323¾ s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n
Indo-China (Prof.)	330 n
do. (Def.)	340 b
Shel Transports	187- n
Star Ferries	352 s
Water-boat	10.40 b
Refineries:	
China Sugars	318 s
Malayan Sugars	332 s
Mining:	
Bongkwa	1170 b
Kailan Mining	323¾ b & a
Langkats (Combined)	119 n
do. (Single)	79 n
Shanghai Exploration	734 n
Shanghai Loans	76¾ n
Railways	1147 n
Troms Mines	10/3 n
Ural Caspian	5/- n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. & W. Wharves	1108 b
H.K. & W. Docks	338 n
Hongkew	1147 n
New Engineering	75½ n
Shanghai Docks	179½ n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	
H.K. & S. Hotels	36.90 s
Hongkong Lands	365¼ n
Hongkong Realty	36 n
H.K. Territorial	31½ n
Hamphrys Estates	13½ n
Prince's Building	380 n
Rural Lands	11½ n
Cotton Mills:	
Ewo Cottons	77.35 n
Oriental	71¾ n
Sh's Cottons (old)	75½ n
do. (new)	225½ n
Buses, Trams, &c.	
China Buses	77 n
H.K. Tramways	320.55 b
Peak Trams (old)	115 s
do. (new)	5 n
Singapore Tractors	10/9 b
Taxis	11 n
Miscellaneous:	
H.K. Amusements	119 b
Canton Ice	35 n
Cements (comb.)	37 n
do. (old)	36.60 n
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FASHIONS AND FANCIES



Afternoon and sport dresses for the spring and early summer collection are designed along many lines and introduce a good many silhouettes. The fabrics that fashion them are many, too. Indeed, it is an open season for materials—particularly as they are apt to appear contrasted smartly in a single dress.

One of the most successful combinations in the afternoon frock is that which uses both dull and glossy finish of the satin back crepe. Interesting panels, godets, contrasted tiers, jumper and skirt of opposite sides, colors, scarfs, bows and other details are to be found in this favourite material of the new season.

Some of the points of interest in the afternoon frocks are boleros, side drapes, bows, cape collars, cluster pleated skirts and tiered skirts. There in satin back crepe used on both sides are especially smart in black, navy, green, rose, cadet blue, beige, grey and poppy red.

The sports or tailored costumes also make use of this material. They, too, are designed along interesting lines and are frequently tucked to create interest. Skirts box-pleated or given animation by groupings or pleats are much seen, while blouses are tailored with stitching to relieve a too severe simplicity. Navy blue, black, rose, green, grey and red are the most prominent colours seen in this collection.

Mary Astor, whose youthful appeal is well exhibited in the First National picture, "The Sunset Derby," wears several charming costumes in this film. One, in two pieces, gives interesting details in the contrasted flat and glossy finishes of the satin back crepe.

SCARF RINGS.

Scarves have been given a fresh lease of life by the advent of the amber ring, through which the silk ends are pulled, enabling a scarf to be worn in several positions, while the ends hang far more gracefully than if they were knotted. Messrs. Liberty's, of Regent-street, are giving a display of beautiful silk scarves worn with quaintly cut amber rings, for which they forecast a great vogue this summer. Amber is so light that it is admirable for this purpose, and the variety of choice is wonderful. Persian, Chinese, Burmese, and Sicilian pieces all have most marked characteristics. There is a modern process by which amber can be pricked with a needle and have red or green colouring injected. On the other hand, many valuable old pieces are being used for scarf rings. A square scarf with a short and a long end slipped through a ring hangs most gracefully over the shoulder, while long scarves with the two ends falling in front also provide a becoming use for these attractive rings.



There are many new and interesting silks that mark a new mode in summer frocks. In general a soft and supple fabric is seen in both satins and crepes. Very new and distinctive fabrics for costumes for sports and more formal frocks are seen in the Shantung and surah silks. These fashion many of the most formal afternoon coats as well as the sports frocks for the summer season.

Linen have returned to a state of extreme popularity. These, with embroidery and braid, are used for many of the most interesting summer frocks. They are seen in all the colours that mark 1927 as one of the colourful summer seasons. New in lines are the hand blocked designs. These are particularly effective in the lovely straight line frocks for sports. They create a particularly summery aspect in their flowered and figured designs.

WEDDING FLOWERS.

The floral scheme is hardly less important than the frocks at the 1927 wedding, and the florist is consulted just as carefully as is the dressmaker. To him, very often, is left the choice of the flower that the bridesmaids will carry, especially if their frocks are of a colour that it is difficult to match with a flower shade. Bouquets to tone with, say, blue or green dresses are generally chosen with a view to an artistic contrast, and the colour of the frock is repeated in the ribbon with which the flowers are tied.

If the bridesmaids are tall what are known as "long" bouquets are chosen. These are not the shower pattern, nor are they sheathlike, but the blooms are arranged in bunch fashion, each flower coming a little below the other. The small, slim bride still chooses a shower bouquet, the taller one carries a sheaf.

Flower-decorated staves are favourites with bridesmaids. They go very well with the long straight lines of the fashions of to-day. The staves can be enamelled to tone with the frocks, and the flowers either match or contrast in colour. A staff done for a bridesmaid recently was of silver, and was decorated with pink roses and lilies of mauve and cream. It was tied with silver ribbons. Favour baskets are of silver-plated cane, and popular favours are tiny sprays of white heather. For the train-bearer, who is often rather disappointed if no flowers are provided for her to carry, there are little baskets filled with flowers with handles large enough to slip over tiny wrists.

in beautiful combinations of colours. They are also used to create the interesting coats that form an ensemble aspect in the summer mode. Linen hats and parasols are also much in evidence.

Creme silks, as usual, are much worn. They fashion many of the one and two-piece costumes for sports and are also used in more formal costumes. They are seen in all the lovely shades as well as figured patterns.

But the surprise of the season, perhaps, is the importance of satin. Satin is used with particularly effective results in the evening mode. It is much used for all occasions, but reigns with pleasingly subtle effect in the evening.

Foulards, printed in small, regular designs, are extremely smart. They are seen to advantage in the ensemble mode and are effectively combined with plain colours. Many shades are used in creating interesting patterns for both sports and semi-formal frocks.

Other fabrics for summer include taffeta, kashas, moussikasha, velour de laine, reps, frisca and georgettes.

Chiffon volles are extremely popular in fashioning the extremely feminine type of summer frocks. These are beautiful in both plain and figured materials.

Checks are much worn too. Small and large checks are used to suit the costume. They are extremely smart in street and sports costumes. Blocks, plaids and stripes are smartly in evidence too.

Dorothy Mackaill wears a very pleasing summer checked fabric in a scene from First National's film "The Road to Romance."

Miss Mackaill also chose many of the interesting flowered and figured prints in silks, crepes and linens for her summer wardrobe.

ORNAMENTS FROM FIR CONES.

Innumerable attractive ornaments, the raw material for which costs nothing, were on view at a recent arts and crafts exhibition. They were made from fir cones. This particular display came from Pendine. The workers go into the woods to collect their cones, grading them from the biggest obtainable to cones the size of a thumbnail. The largest cones are made into brown owls, and are bought as mascots by the Brownies. After the design has been executed the cones are painted and varnished. Nicely-shaped shells picked up on the beach are made into ash trays. Two most diminutive cones are then cut, painted, and varnished a beautiful blue, and the ash tray is complete with two delightful kingfishers.

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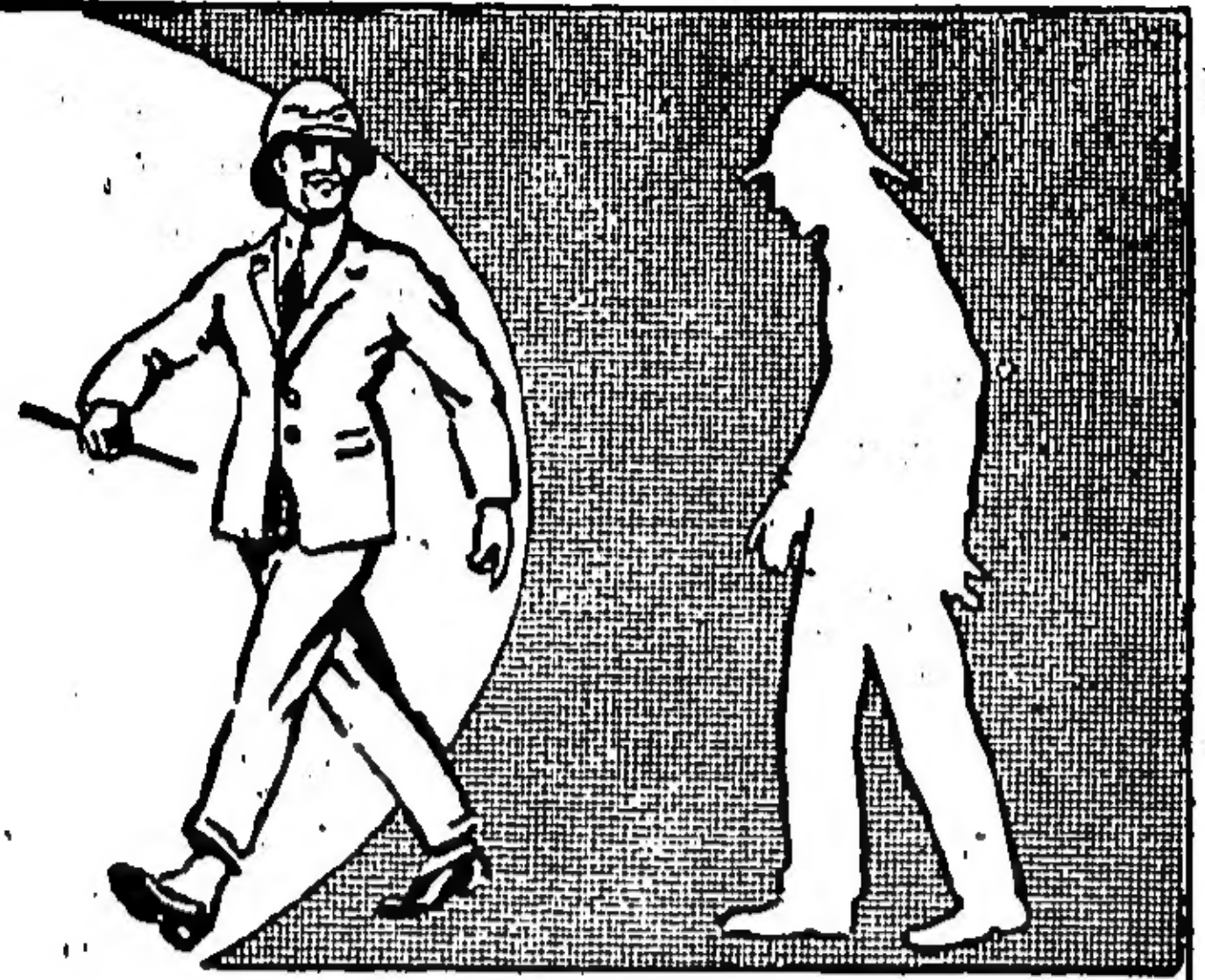
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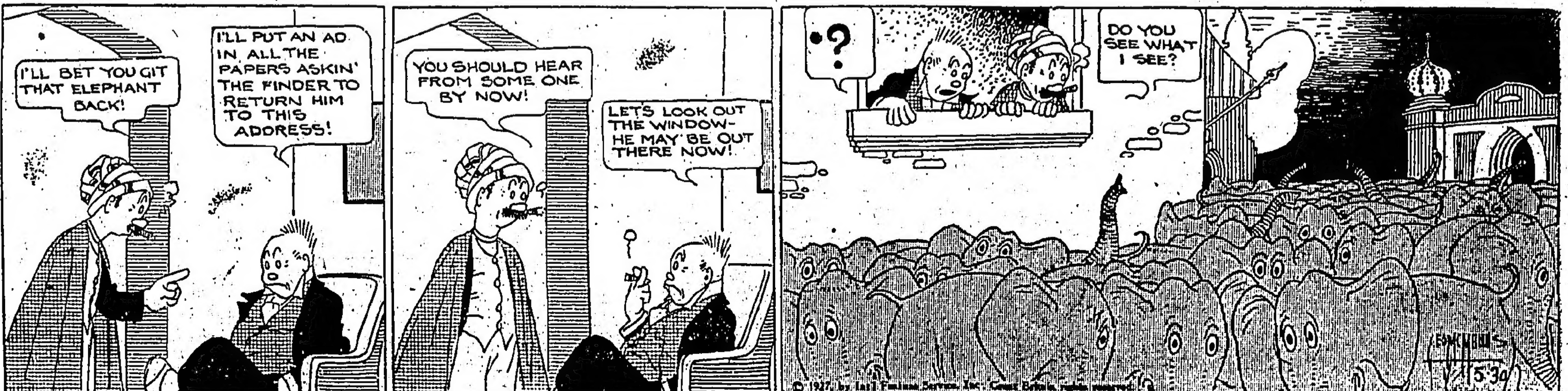
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£1,000,000 WILL.**MR. LEVINE'S DRAMATIC SURPRISE.****WIFE'S "HE MUSTN'T GO!"**

Dramatic as was the start of Lindbergh for Paris, that of the Bellanca monoplane Columbia for either Rome or Berlin was still more dramatic.

At the last moment its owner, Mr. Charles A. Levine, the target for weeks past of vicious criticism and a man convicted in popular estimation of "poor sportsmanship," took his seat beside Mr. Clarence Chamberlin, the pilot, and departed as the first passenger on a cross Atlantic flight.

Mr. Levine's beautiful wife could not believe her eyes when she saw her husband a short and partly bald man, emerge from the mass of people among whom he had been concealed and climb quickly into his place as if afraid of being stopped. He was bare-headed and wore ordinary clothes, with a leather vest instead of a coat.

Looking neither at the crowd nor at his wife, who stood a little in front and to one side of the plane he crouched down beside the pilot.

Mrs. Levine stared incredulously and shouted: "Stop him! He's not going!" as the plane came to a sudden stop and tumbled back to the starting point.

The Crowd Sneers.

As a matter of fact, it had been halted by the crowd of sightseers scattered over the course. But the public knew nothing of this; they sneered. They have been sneering ever since a long series of unedifying disputes broke out between Mr. Levine and his pilots and the designer of the plane, Giuseppe Bellanca, who finally washed his hands of the whole affair. It was openly stated that the Columbia would never attempt a Trans-Atlantic flight.

Hence when it returned to the starting point one of the engineers ran to Mrs. Levine and reassured her. "It's all right," he said, "it's only a test run." But Mr. Levine did not descend. A moment later the pilot opened the throttle wide. The Columbia ran 2,600 feet, and then, despite its immense weight, left the ground easily, rose high above the crowds, and was off.

A Glorious "Come-Back."

Mrs. Levine staggered, and appeared about to faint, but a friend caught her in his arms and shouted

quickly, "He's all right; he will get there. You should be proud of him."

The crowd cheered as the plane drove toward the sun, a great ball of fire above the hills, and disappeared. Mr. Levine had rehabilitated himself gloriously with the public.

A man now of 30, he made several million dollars by shrewd business methods after the war. He is a hard, matter-of-fact man with only a limited education. But he had ambitions which could not be satisfied by business success, and he went into flying.

He bought the Columbia and entered it for a Trans-Atlantic flight. But he became involved in disputes, financial and otherwise, with the designer. One of his friends said to him, "You have commercialised a splendid sport. You have fallen short in the eyes of the world. You must redeem yourself."

Secret Plans And a Will.

Mr. Levine, utterly puzzled, asked himself, "How?" He made his plans secretly. He spent the night before the flight in Mr. Chamberlin's room. He wrote a letter to his wife, to be delivered after his departure, telling her why he had decided to take the same risk as his pilot. He wrote to his lawyer instructing him to continue certain charities. He made a will disposing of an estate worth £1,000,000.

All night he worked. But his letters were not desperate ones. He had supreme confidence in the pilot who a few weeks ago, when the Columbia lost its landing wheels while his little daughter was aboard, effected a safe landing with magnificent skill.

And so keeping secret the identity of Mr. Chamberlin's companion and allowing the public to believe that Mrs. Chamberlin was to accompany her husband across the Atlantic because he knew his own wife would not allow him to go if she were acquainted with his plans, he waited until the last second when he shrilly climbed into the Columbia.

Mussolini or Hindenburg.

Mr. Levine, though only a passenger, knows how to fly. He can handle the "joy stick," and Mr. Chamberlin says if he has a companion who can take his place for brief intervals and who can empty cans of petrol into the tanks, and then throw the cans away, that is all he requires of him.

All this Mr. Levine can do, and his wife to-day is quite cheerful, having received his letter telling her to "hoy" aboard the next steamer and join him in greeting Mussolini or Hindenburg as the case may be, for at the moment of departure Mr. Chamberlin had not decided where he would land.

SOLID RESULTS.**MR. AMERY & THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.****"LIGHTING A CANDLE."**

"We have created a new and better relationship between ourselves, between colony and colony, as well as between the Colonies, collectively and the Central Office here," said Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, at the final sitting of the Colonial Office Conference recently.

"It is not only a personal relationship; that was good before. It is a new intellectual relationship, a sense that we are emerging from the merely negative conception of control and direction by the Colonial Office to a more positive conception that we are all partners together in a great creative enterprise, fascinating in its interest and transcendent in its importance. We have achieved solid results in more than one direction. Certain things stand out. We have endorsed wholeheartedly the principle of collective action, of collective finance, and of an efficient central organisation in the field of scientific research."

Research.

In agricultural research, he declared, they had crystallised that principle in their acceptance of the main outlines of the proposals embodied in the report of the Committee, which owed so much to the accumulated experience in this subject and infectious enthusiasm of its Chairman, Lord Lovat.

He had every confidence that when these proposals had been further worked out and submitted to the various Governments they would commend themselves for general concurrence and co-operation. If so, they would, in Latimer's words, have "lit a candle" and established a far-reaching and vital precedent for future action, not only in the Colonial sphere, but beyond.

The Conference had definitely instructed the new joint Medical Research Council to work out and submit to the Government's proposal for a scheme of medical research which would inevitably be on no less broad a basis than the scheme of agricultural research, and they had, at any rate, visualised the prospect of both veterinary research and forestry research being included at a not too distant future.

Mr. Amery added:—"The idea of unification, either of actual services or at least of terms of service, in order to facilitate transfers and offer a better career, if not over the general field of Colonial service at any rate, over wide groups of Colonies whose

general conditions are similar, has made no little progress during our discussions, and I shall look forward with interest to the development of the idea, either through group conferences of the special services or otherwise, in the near future."

The members of the Conference were received recently by the Prime Minister at No. 10, Downing-street, when Mr. Baldwin expressed his sense of the value of the work that was being done by the Colonial services to the Empire as a whole. It is anticipated that the official report of the conference proceedings will be issued.



Miss Gladys M. Pyle, who has the distinction of being the first woman to hold the position of Secretary of State. Miss Pyle, was the first woman elected to the legislature of South Dakota and has now been elevated to the position of Secretary of State of South Dakota.

The male in all species is always infinitely the more beautiful.—Mr. St. John Ervine.

Theft, lying, bribery, and corruption exist in every Foreign Office and Chancellery throughout the world.—Mr. Ponsonby.

Good industrial relations start in the workshop and not in the House of Commons.—Mr. Bertram Austin.

A WOMAN SPY.**3,000 WORDS ON A PAIR OF EYE-GLASSES.****POSTHUMOUS HONOURS.**

Louise De Bettignies, a young Frenchwoman, who became one of the most formidable British secret agents during the great war, is to have a memorial unveiled in her honour by Marshal Foch at Lille in the latter part of June.

Mlle. de Bettignies, under the direction of the British military intelligence service, organised in the Lille district in the early part of 1915 a vast network of spies, who furnished a complete report of German troop movements, munition dumps, battery emplacements, and other military information.

She had more than a hundred trustworthy informers, including priests, doctors, policemen, school teachers, and railwaymen, and under the name of Alise Dubois, a pretended lace or cheese merchant, she risked her life day after day in going from one village to another to gather her reports.

Forged.

It was extremely difficult for persons in occupied territory to travel, and she had continually to use forged safe-conducts, which might have been discovered at any moment.

She and Mlle. Léonie Vanhoutte, her principal lieutenant, in spite of the close German surveillance, carried these reports daily for almost a year without being caught.

They hid the messages in balls of yarn, umbrella handles, shoe laces, corsets, and in lighted candles in cart lanterns. Sometimes the message was rolled into a tiny ball and attached to a black thread. If they became frightened as they approached a German sentry they paid out the thread, and then drew it in again after they had safely passed the danger.

Sometimes the final message ready for England was photographed on a small transparent film which was pasted on an eyeglass. They could put 3,000 words on a pair of glasses, and all the British intelligence officers had to do to read them was to throw the messages on a big screen.

Barbed Wire.

After walking about all day gathering their reports the two young women often sat up all night in some hospitable tavern to compile them, and the next night ran the gauntlet of the German sentries and the electrically charged barbed wire along the frontier to deliver them in Holland.

The information this organisation supplied was so accurate that the Allies were able to destroy the German batteries in the Lille district three times between May and August 1916, but Mlle. Vanhoutte, who is a native of Roubaix, was finally trapped and arrested in Brussels in September, and Mlle. de Bettignies in Tournai a few weeks later.

They both denied being spies, and German police kept them in Saint Gilles prison until March 1916, when a court-martial condemned them to death for espionage.

The German authorities, on the pressing intervention of the Spanish consul in Brussels, commuted Mlle. de Bettignies' sentence to life imprisonment, and Mlle. Vanhoutte's to fifteen years. Mlle. de Bettignies dying in a German prison at Cologne in July 1918 and her companion being released after the armistice.

The British Government decorated Mlle. de Bettignies posthumously, and the British Army of Occupation at Cologne rendered full military honours when the body was moved to Lille in 1920.

A few months ago Mme. Weygand, the wife of Marshal Foch's former chief of staff, formed a committee to erect a monument to this heroine, and chose Maxime Real del Sarte, the French sculptor, to make the design.

WONDERS OF THE DEEP.

Mr. William Beebe, who has returned from an expedition to the coral reefs of Haiti, reports that he saw 280 new species of fishes, which, by wearing a helmet with a glass front, he observed on the sea bottom. A telephone attachment enabled him to dictate to stenographers aboard a schooner a description of the fishes. A fish, one foot wide, harboured upwards of 300 smaller living fish on its stomach and repelled larger fish with a poison to which smaller fish were immune. Another fish effected a complete change of colour in a few hours. Observations were made at night by means of a powerful searchlight.

Mr. Beebe was clad only in a bathing suit, and declared that he was never attacked, but moved about in the utmost safety. I think that the British Medical Association is the most tyrannical trade union we have.—Mr. Macquisten, M.P.

The British people have kept faithfully every promise made to the Boers at Vereeniging.—Gen. Smuts.

FORD LEADS.**LATEST LIST OF THE WORLD'S MILLIONAIRES.****BRITAIN'S RICH SEVENTEEN.**

Great Britain's 17 wealthiest men, should they combine their fortunes to-day, could not equal the fortune of the world's reputed wealthiest man—Henry Ford, according to unofficial statistics made public recently.

The 17 wealthiest men in Great Britain, according to the statistics, have a combined wealth of \$900,000,000. (gold).

In class one of the statistics are placed the well-known ship-owner, Sir John Ellerman, Lord Iveagh and possibly the Duke of Westminster, although the latter's fortune is claimed to be mostly in intangible properties. It is claimed that Sir John Ellerman is the wealthiest of the three so far as actual income is concerned, while the Duke of Westminster, if rated in this group, would not fall within this group. The combined fortunes of the group is estimated around \$300,000,000.

Barney Barnato's Nephews.

Class two, comprised of those millionaires with estimated fortunes of \$75,000,000 or over, contains a larger number. In this group come Lord Rothermere, the holder of the most extensive newspaper interests in the world; S. B. Joel and Solly Joel, both of whom owe something to heredity from their famous uncle, Barney Barnato, who founded some of the greatest diamond interests ever known in South Africa.

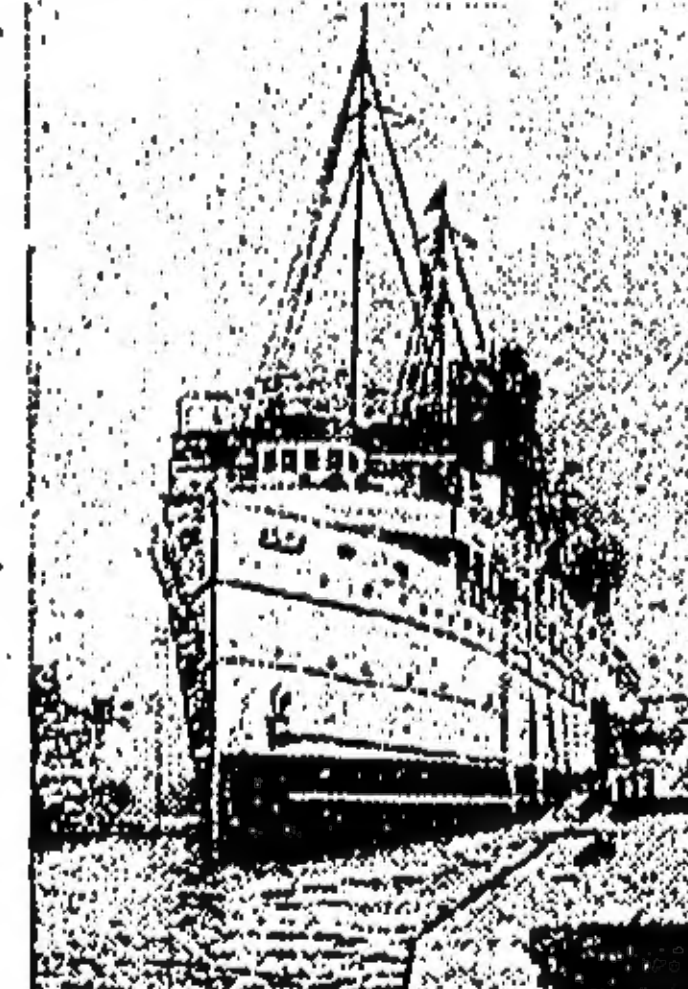
Sir David Yule, the philanthropist, is also in this class. Sir David inherited much of his fortune, but greatly increased it through careful business transactions in India.

The late Lord Cowdray, one of the possessors of the few English "oil fortunes," is also placed in this class.

In the next class, consisting of possessors of fortunes below the \$75,000,000 mark, are placed Lord Ashton, who made his fortune out of linoleum; Lord Woolavington, a distillery millionaire; Lord Dewar, a distillery millionaire; Lord Bearsted, who inherited much of his wealth and later more than doubled it through shrewd investments; Sir George Wills, the tobacco magnate, Bernhard Baron, the owner of another large tobacco combine, Lord Derby, the famous racing owner, and the Duke of Portland.



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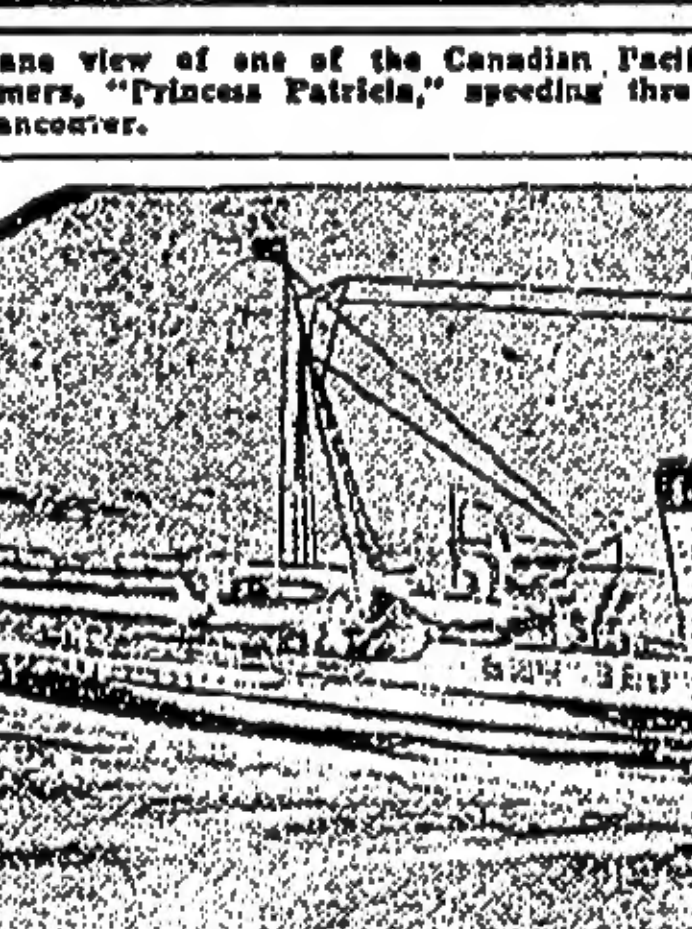
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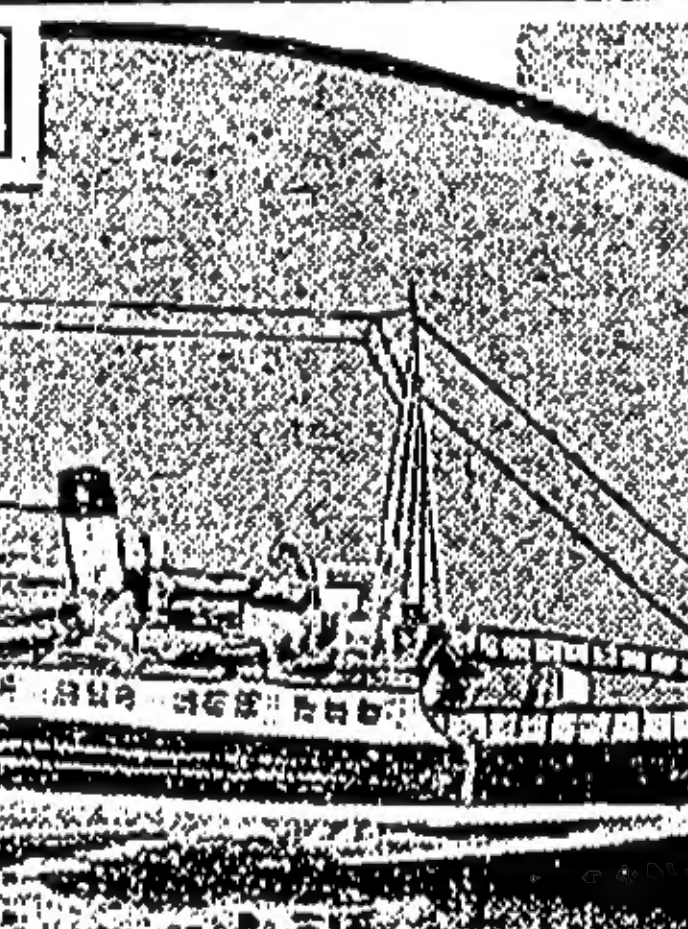
Juliette Gauthier de la Verendrye, of the prominent artists at folk song and handicraft festival, held at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, May 29 to 31.



Unusual airplane view of one of the Canadian Pacific's Pacific coast steamers, "Princess Patricia," speeding through the Narrows at Vancouver.



Over the top with the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness on Carl Coupler during the Brigade of Guards point to point races at Chipping Norton.



The G.P.R. Police First Aid Team carried off high honors at American Red Cross contest at Chicago recently.



Off to the jungle, Harry Fellard, photographer, and Andy Buchanan, cruise representative, from Chicago, on the round the world cruise of the Canadian Pacific "Empress of Britain" amidst a couple of ringing performers.



Picture flock in red and grey patterned groups of China, with a bottle collar forming a cape at the back, is one of "Maison Arthurs" recent creations.



A group of Dons who peacefully invaded Canadian western farms recently, settling near Altona, Sask. They arrived on the Canadian Pacific steamer "Monticore."



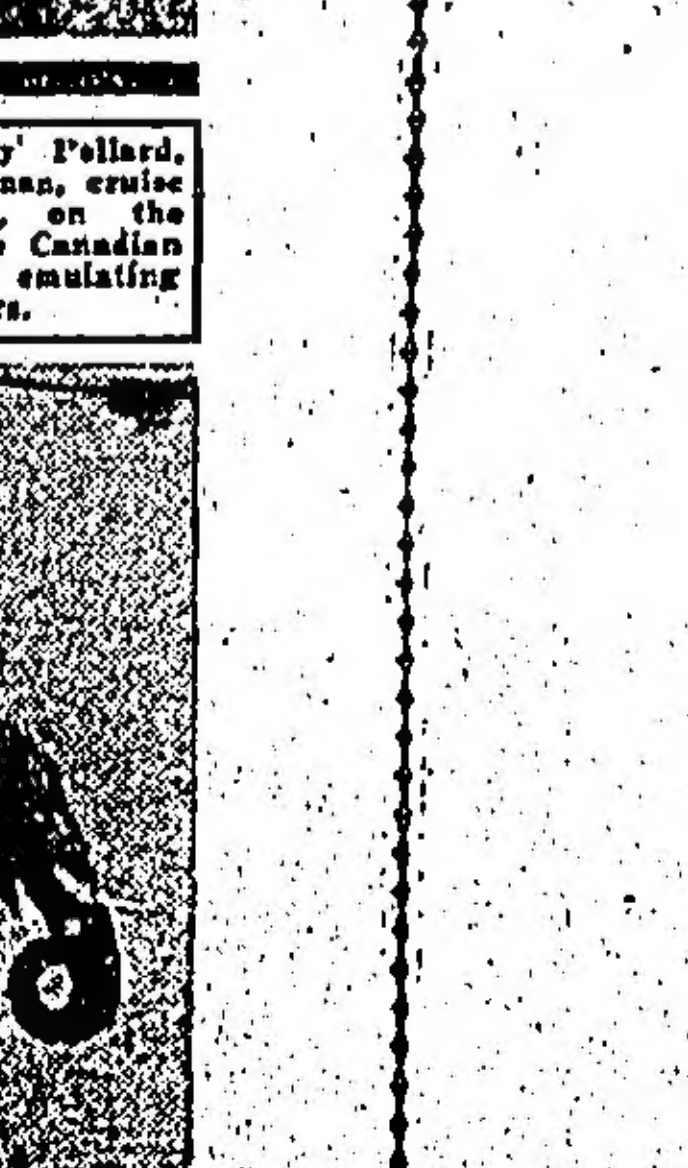
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TAVERN SIGNS.

ORIGIN OF "THE HONEST LAWYER."

FLASHES OF HONOUR.

A list of inn signs, compiled from notes jotted down during town and country rambles, has afforded me more entertainment and pleasurable mental exercise than I have enjoyed from any other source for quite a long time (says a writer in the "Weekly Mail").

Some of them recall stirring episodes of years that lie far in our romantic past; others are obviously but quips of humour born from the magic of the flowing bowl; and many, very many, are neither one thing nor another.

What is the origin and meaning, for instance, of—

"Gruel Pot."

"Ape and Apple."

"Make no Noise."

And others of a like kind that are either new or have hitherto escaped public notice?

"Goose and Gander," one can understand as a merited compliment to these stately village fowls, and "Pipe and Snuff" we know to be merely reminiscent of the cosy corner, itself enshrined in many a tavern sign, which men like Dr. Johnson dearly loved.

And yet, he himself, oddly enough, hated both these accessories, which novelties like Sir Walter Scott have made immortal. But "Pie and Poke" one gives up in despair.

Many of the old inn signs are, of course, heraldic and represent royal bearings or the blazonings of great families. The "King's Arms" is one of these, and the "Prince of Wales's Feathers" is another.

In Scotland we come across, such signs as the "Achoil Arms Hotel," and the "Buccleuch Arms Inn."

The "White Hart" one easily associates with Richard II., while the "White Swan" was peculiar to Henry IV. and Edward III., and the "Blue Boar" to Richard III. The "Red Dragon" is a distinctive emblem of the Tudors, and the "White Rose," the "Red Rose," or simply "The Rose," are the symbols of political creeds that once inspired their adherents to battle as obstinately and ferociously as any warriors that ever drew the sword.

There was, however, surely an element of irony or cynicism in the fashion that gave to so many of our old ale-houses such mediæval religious signs as "The Seven Stars," "The Cross Keys," "The Angel," "St. Francis," "The Pilgrim," and "Salutation."

Names Which Had a Meaning.

Many of the old signs were corrupted through time or carelessness, and not a few of these now wear a comic aspect.

"Cœur d'Or" (French for "Golden Heart") has now, for example, become "Queer Door."

"Peg o' Wassail Bowl," which to our fathers meant a nip of their favourite liquor, is now converted into the odd and meaningless sign "Pig and Whistle."

"Bacchanals" (jolly devotees of Bacchus, the Greek god of wine) is now tritely rendered, "Bag o' Nails."

"The Pig in a Pound" has become "A Gentleman in Trouble," said to have been thus altered by a famous Irishman! Well, indeed, might Ben Johnson exclaim:—

It even puts Apollo For all his strength of art to follow The flights, and to divine What's meant by every sign.

The "Goose and Gridiron," which one meets with occasionally, is derived from the old inn at the north-west corner of St. Paul's, London.

It was here, when the inn was known as the "Mitre," that the Society of Musicians met, and their arms, displaying the Lyre of Apollo surmounted by the crest of the swan, were eventually emblazoned over the doorway, and soon became jocularly known as the "Goose and Gridiron."

The "Mitre" was destroyed during the Great Fire, and when the present building was put up in its place the same arms were adopted, but the name was changed to "Goose and Gridiron."

In the same way we have a giant's mouth with a bull in it to indicate the "Bull and Mouth" in Aldersgate Street, the sign having been originally the mouth of a bull.

There is also the "Swan With Three Necks" in Ludgate, showing as its arms a bird with three heads, though the sign was originally meant to indicate the three necks or marks of ownership made on its bill!

Again, there is "The Cat," now usually accompanied with a representation of your domestic pet, but which was at first merely a waggish allusion to the better-half in her disgruntled moods.

Escaping the Puritan's Wrath.

Some of the alterations were, however, made on purpose as a concession to Puritan sentiment,

and this applies particularly to those signs which had a distinctive monastic flavour.

The "Angel and the Lady," for instance—a once-popular sign which one frequently encounters in the literature of the Middle Ages—was changed to the "Soldier and Citizen," which the Puritans liked better.

Similarly the "Lady of the Veil" became generally the "Mermaid," though "The Devil's Tavern," originally "Satyr," remained in spite of much organised opposition and vocal protest.

So did the sign "Mitre," and a few others of the same category.

Many of those who feared the wrath of the Puritans, and in consequence took down their offending signs quickly enough, as quickly found themselves at a loss for alternatives, and had perforce to fall back upon their unaided wits. It was then that so many signs began to appear with neither originality nor historical association to commend them.

"Q," which meant merely that the innkeeper ground his own malt in a quern; "The Pyewipe," a genteel name for peewit; "The Cheshire Cheese," and "The Maypole" are examples of this class, though "The Maypole" was later distinguished in a famous passage by Dickens bearing on an inn at Epping Forest that was called by this name.

Telling of Heroic Deeds.

In these old signs one also finds references to every phase of statecraft and ministerial popularity, not to mention the vicissitudes of our naval and military campaigns.

"Rodney's Bar," the "Duke of York," "Wellington's Head," the "Gordon Arms," the "Old Brigade Tavern," the "Queen's Own," and sundry other titles of a like kind, all speak of heroic deeds that served to animate the imbibers of the sparkling ale long after the deeds themselves passed into the prosaic records that lie in dust and oblivion.

The rewards of valour and renown are also fittingly commemorated in such signs as the "V.C. Tavern," the "Knight of the Thistle," the "Star and Garter," and the "Warrior's Crown."

The "Thatched House," the "Toll Bar," and the "Coconut Tree" tell their own tale, as do also such familiar signs as the "Bird in the Hand," the "Black Bull," "Cock o' the North," and "Rest and be Thankful."

The "Coach and Horses" is a reminder of the times when the better-class inns were the only posting-houses.

So also is the "Saracen's Head" and the "White Horse." Inns bearing such signs as "Crown and Anchor," "Ball and Cue," "Fox and Goose," showed that such games were played within, while the "Man with the Scythe" indicated the nature of the local staple industry, just as "Rods and Line" and "Hounds and Horn" denoted the sport that could be had in and around the village.

"Fox and Hounds," sometimes varied to "Brush and Bugle" or "Hounds and Horn," showed as a rule that a sporting squire lived in the neighbourhood.

Satire on a "Quiet Woman."

Very often the signs were taken from the works of outstanding writers, especially if the writers had some local connection, or had made allusion to the village or some particular feature of the locality; as, for instance, in the case of the old seventeenth century inn at Windsor known far and wide as "The Merry Wives."

Probably no poet or writer of any sort has supplied so many of this kind as Burns, the Scottish national bard, and it would take at least a whole column to enumerate them.

The origin of the "Wooden Horse" remains a mystery, as does also the origin of "The Cow and Snuffers" and the "Silent Woman," though one cannot but suspect in the latter the caustic wit of the cynic.

The "Untamed Shrew" smacks of a similar origin, and the "Speechless Spouse," likewise.

Thomas Hardy speaks of an inn in Dorset known as the "Quiet Woman," which has a sign hanging out bearing the representation of a woman with her head cut off, and here again the pointed thrust of the satirist is plainly apparent.

In most signs of this kind, however, the woman is shown with her severed head under her arm, like the gowned and decapitated figure with a wigged head in his hand who usually represents the "Honest Lawyer."

The electorate only cares about what may be called the football match in politics—Sir John Simon, M.P.

We must have arms for 5,000,000 men and enough aeroplanes to obscure the sun.—Signor Mussolini.

I have never yet met an old gentleman who did not think that the decline in good manners began in his own time.—Lady Rhonda.

MODERN PROBLEMS.

NEW CRIMES AND NEW CRIMINALS.

POLICE WITH TOO MANY DUTIES.

A new type of criminal has appeared, educated, cunning, resourceful and dangerous, who employs the latest developments of scientific research to fight society. The old Bill Sikes has almost gone (says F. A. Mackenzie in the "Sunday Pictorial"). The few of his type who are still left are mostly secluded in preventive detention in the Isle of Wight.

The new men and women—for the girl crook is more and more a factor to be reckoned with—work not with a bludgeon but with a high-powered motor-car and with the skill of the trained chemist and expert photo-engraver.

We are a much more sober nation than ever before. For every three people arrested for drunkenness seven years ago only one is arrested to-day. We have a more rational way of handling prisoners, and three out of four convicted of our first offences never appear before the Courts again—at least, not under the same names.

But an enormous number of new law-breakers come up each year. For every five crimes with violence twenty-five years ago there are nine to-day.

Shop-breaking has multiplied three-fold, and murder has become not so much a matter of sudden passion as of careful calculation. While the total of discovered murders has declined, there is good reason to believe that the undetected killings have grown, and that some of the men convicted of one murder have actually committed several.

Two main characteristics mark the new criminal—calm preparation and dominating vanity. He carries out his killings as deliberately, and in the same cold blood, as another might accomplish a coup on the Stock Exchange.

Leonard and Leob, the schoolboy murderers of Chicago, von Arbin and Kreuger, the aristocratic dynamiters of Stockholm, Landru in France, and Slinin Morrison at the Old Bailey, all had one characteristic in common—inordinate self-conceit.

When they appeared in court they showed no sign of repentance or meekness—not even those who had pleaded guilty.

Unrepentant and Concealed.

The arch-murderer Kreuger acted throughout his trial like a young man playing a leading part on the world stage, scored little points off the Court, kissed the hand of a lady witness and, at the close, sought to have an emotional farewell with the chief counsel for the prosecution.

The young Chicago murderers laughed at the humours of their trial, and when it was over bade their warders bring them a good meal—steak as thick as two fingers, pie with cream and "all the trimmings."

Landru, labourer's son, played the great and haughty gentleman to the moment he was pushed forward on a cold February morning at Versailles to the guillotine. Morrison, professional blackmailer and burglar, posed as an aristocrat throughout his trial and afterwards.

"See how they treat me—a gentleman!" he called to the crowd when he was being taken from Waterloo to Dartmoor.

This vanity and self-consciousness of the new criminal, his exaggerated egotism is a fresh feature at least to the extent we know it

now. It is the outcome of the shallowest modern philosophy. The new type of criminal believes that what he wants is right because he wants it. "Paranoid psychopathic personality," the crime experts call it—"P.P.P."

It may be said that all big criminals in all ages, Dick Turpin, for instance, have been vain. But Turpin took his life in his hands when he set out on his adventures. These new murderers rarely risk their own skins. They strike secretly.

The new highwayman has made his appearance, the motor-car bandit who, incidentally, has usually stolen the car in which he operates. Scotland Yard already regards him with enough uneasiness to create a special squad to fight him and with reason.

In America to-day the automobile brigand is at work on a big scale. He raids bank messengers in main streets in the hearts of great cities and gets away with his haul. He has accomplished the most amazing strokes, repeating with a fast car the successes of the old brigand of the roads.

He will try the same in England on a bigger scale than he has yet done, and probably some of our police will suffer in fighting him.

There is one sure way in which the motor-car bandit can be stamped out—a properly organised system of road barricades, fast cars for police patrols, life sentences for any men who shoot at the police, long imprisonment for others, and the "cat" for those who are guilty of violence.

These vanity-eaten murderers and motor-car adventurers are merely the amateurs of crime. The most serious criminals do not risk their own necks. The blackmailer, for instance, has not, as a rule, the pluck to kill; it would be infinitely kinder if he slew his victim out of hand.

Policemen Side-Tracked.

Blackmailing, as we have seen from court cases during the last few weeks, is flourishing as never before, and, until the Courts discover an effective way of securing secrecy for those victims who are brave enough to prosecute, it will continue to flourish.

How are we going to fight the new crime wave? First, we must have a larger and more central force dealing with nothing else but serious crime, and dealing with it for the whole country. The policeman has become so much more than the crime fighter that there is danger of his having little time for tackling crime. Every kind of task is heaped upon him, and he does them so well that the tendency is to pile on still more.

When a police division is preparing its plans for raiding a respectable club because the members do not all empty their glasses to the minute it cannot be tracking down burglars.

Most of us want the policeman on the beat to be the universal helper and administrator, the controller of traffic and of speed limits, the supervisor of motor-car licences, the protector of lost children and the guardian of lost dogs. Then we must supplement him by a more specialised crime-fighting service.

Scotland Yard to a large extent supplies this need. What is wanted, however, is a bigger Scotland Yard, a detective service drawn from the cream of the police forces of the United Kingdom, knitting together all the crime fighting forces of the entire country.

Crimes against property, crimes with violence, are on the up grade. New forms of crime, more dangerous than before because they have more brains behind them, are appearing. Society for its own sake must keep pace with its enemies.

FOSSIL LIGHT.

ASTRONOMERS' REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPHS.

SOME APPALLING DISTANCES.

Astronomers now take photographs with rays of light that originated when our earth was young in its earliest geological epochs. Beginning their journey in some far-distant "island universe," these rays continued to travel toward us while the great carboniferous forests sprang up, flourished, died and turned to coal, and while the great dinosaurs, long king of earth's creatures, held sway, decayed and turned to fossils. In fact, the light of these distant stars may truly be called "fossil" light, although it is a live fossil, quivering with its original energy, as shown by its ability to impress our photographic plates. The Astronomical Society of the Pacific, in a recently issued leaflet, reminds us that astronomers are now dealing with distances and sizes and numbers that are appalling. Formerly the mile as a unit of measurement satisfied the explorers of celestial space. Now that telescopes have grown so large and measuring methods so effective, the mile-unit of earth-dwellers is altogether inadequate. The "light" million miles is the distance light travels in one year. Six million million miles, or one "light-year," is the "yardstick" of the present-day astronomer. The writer goes on:

Inadequacy of the Mile.

One can very satisfactorily say that the sun is 93,000,000 miles from the earth. But when astronomers began working with groups of stars far outside our solar system, the inadequacy of the mile and the usefulness of the light-year, as units of measurement, became apparent. Even the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is four and one-third light-years from us, while Rigel, 13,000 times brighter than our sun, is 500 light-years away.

But these distances are insignificant in comparison with the remoteness of certain spiral nebulae which astronomical research is revealing. "Island universes," these lonely habitations of space are called. Evidence is at hand tending to show that several hundred thousand of these "universes" exist, each comparable to our own in size, and that many of them are ten million light-years or more away.

Thus, as our conception of the universe expands larger measures are demanded. Already the "parsec," the equivalent of a little more than three light-years, twenty million million miles, is in common use among astronomers, while occasionally even the "kiloparsec," a thousand parses, is heard in current discussion.

Recently Dr. Edwin Hubble, of the Mount Wilson Observatory, in a lecture at Washington, told about progress in the exploration of these systems, about new and efficient methods, and about the structure and extent of the universe. "The history of astronomy," he said, "is a history receding horizons. Early investigators were concerned almost entirely with the system of planets. Presently the stars came to be accepted as far-away suns, scattered throughout the depths of space. Now it is realised that the stars themselves form a single definite system at least 100,000 light-years in diameter, itself but one of many stellar systems existing in space." To quote the leaflet further:

The Galactic System.

The system of stars of which our sun and its planets are constituents is known as the Galactic System, or the system of the Milky Way. Astronomers picture it as of the form of a thin wafer, having a thickness of about one-eighth of its diameter, and containing myriads of stars invisible to the naked

eye. Some think it is a great spiral structure and that to an observer standing at a far-distant place in space, it would look much like a spiral nebula looks to us.

The study of this system and its constituent stars has become the commanding feature of astronomical research. Methods developed in the study of the planets have been replaced by the powerful methods of astrophysics, and with these the astronomers are investigating new and more distant regions of space.

This method of exploring space, referred to by Dr. Hubble, is itself one of the brilliant achievements of modern astronomy. It is based on the principle that a light having a certain brightness at unit distance appears only one-fourth as bright at four times the distance; one sixteenth at four times the distance; one sixty-fourth at eight times the distance; one-hundredth at ten times the distance, and so on. Thus, given both the apparent brightness of a light and its intrinsic brightness at unit distance, it is a simple matter to compute its actual distance.

Fixing Distances of Stars.

In the case even of remote stars, it is not difficult to measure their apparent brightness, but until recently astronomers did not know how to estimate their intrinsic brightness. Indeed, the epoch-making advances in the exploration of the remoter parts of space of the last half-dozen years have been accomplished because ways have been developed of determining the actual brightness of stars which lie far beyond the reach of the older methods.

A clue was found by Dr. Walter S. Adams, Director of the Mount Wilson Observatory, who showed that when the light of an intrinsically bright star is passed through a spectroscopic slit, while certain other lines are weak. He showed also that the relative intensities of these same lines are reversed when a spectrum is taken of the light from a star which is of a low order of actual brightness. By measuring the relative intensity of lines in the spectrum of a star, its actual brightness can be determined. This method, found to be accurate for nearby stars whose distances are known, is now accepted as a reliable method of fixing the distances of the more remote stars.

The Leavitt-Shapley Law.

A second important method of determining the actual brightness and, consequently, the distances of far-away stars, turns upon an observation made by Miss Leavitt of the Harvard Observatory, developed and applied by Dr. Harlow Shapley, Director of the same Observatory, and hence called the Leavitt-Shapley law. This method is restricted to stars of a certain class, known as Cepheid variables.

These stars pass through definite periods of variation during which the luminosity of each gradually becomes more intense and then gradually weakens. The periods range from less than one day to 100 days. It was observed that among these stars, which are all giant stars much larger than our own, a definite relationship exists between their actual brightness and the period of their variation. That is to say, the brighter the star, the longer it takes to complete its cycle. While astronomers are not clear as to the causes of this remarkable relationship, they believe that it holds good for all Cepheid variables wherever found.

By these methods it is disclosed that the half-dozen nebulae which are nearest the Galactic System are at distances ranging from 100,000 to 1,000,000 light-years. Their diameters range from 4,000 to 45,000 light-years and their actual brightness from twenty million to 1,000 million times that of our sun.

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PAST RETURNS.

2,000-YEARS-OLD SCENE REVIVED.

GREEK PLAY AT POMPEII.

The Roman theatre at Pompeii which has been dead for just under 2,000 years, was born to new life again with the performance of the "Alcestis" of Euripides. Its ancient stage was trodden again by the sandalled feet of actors and actresses performing one of those plays which doubtless were the delight of Roman audiences 20 centuries ago.

A cosmopolitan audience of some thousands, among whom England was generously represented, gathered in Pompeii to witness this unique event.

Maria Laetitia Colla's interpretation of Alcestis revealed the tremendous dramatic possibilities of this part. The poignant story struck a deep chord in the 20th-century audience.

As much, however, as the intrinsic value of the play, the wonderful setting in which it was rendered contributed to the delight of the audience. The ancient theatre had been partly restored for the occasion. Towering over it was the dark mass of Vesuvius with its characteristic smoke cap at the top. All around, felt rather than seen, were the ruins of the ancient city with their story of the glory of Rome.

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You will find it almost as difficult to discover the average man as the perfect man.—Mr. Robert Lynd.

The complete sceptic is the man who is as sceptical of reason as of everything else.—Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

The faintest nebula that can be detected with the 100-inch reflector at Mount Wilson are at the enormous distance of 140 million light-years from the earth.

As Old as Dinosaurs.

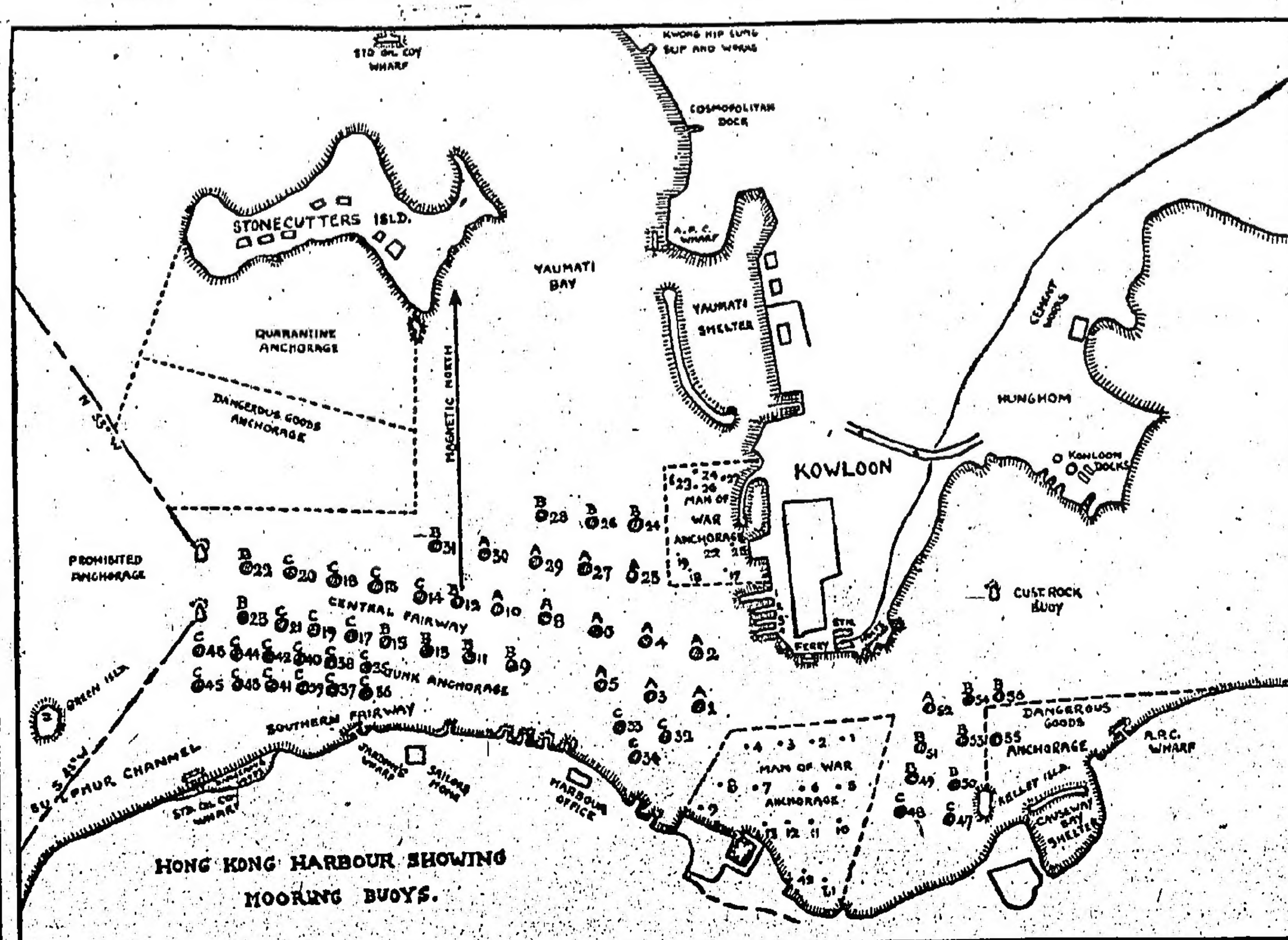
"In observing these nebulae," Dr. Hubble said, "we are witnessing scenes and events which actually occurred in past geological ages. In a very real sense, extra-galactic nebulae can be classed in a geological time-scale. The nearest of them all, the Magellanic Clouds, are photographed in the light that left them more than 100,000 years ago. We see them as they were back in the great ice age. The conspicuous spirals belong to the Pliocene age, while those at the extreme limits of the observable region are 'Carboniferous.'"

It has been aptly suggested that the photographic records of these faintly visible universes are as truly fossils as are the eggs of dinosaurs, the bones of mastodons, and the bits of ancient trees and plants which the pick and shovel of the geologist are revealing. Indeed, it is not impossible that since the light which is just arriving from some of these far-away worlds started on its ageing journey through space, the worlds themselves may have suffered cataclysmical disaster and have completely dissolved.

Man has left written records of himself which carry us back 6,000 years. Beyond this there is a period of about 600,000 years during which he left traces of his existence in the form of carvings, paintings, and crude implements. Back of this, the fossils of the earth will carry the investigator along a trail of life that can be followed for perhaps 100 million years. At this point in time the scientist stands before the veil that hides from him the beginnings of life on the earth.

It is staggering to reflect that light which travels at a speed that can compass the earth in about one-eighth of a second, that can reach the moon in one and one-fifth seconds, and the sun in eight minutes, has required far longer to traverse the ascertained limits of space than it has taken the whole of the known links in the chain of life to develop. It is also a matter of no small wonder that the science of astronomy has reached a point in its development where it can measure these vast distances with confidence. To have pushed the boundaries of the observable universe back from the 80,000,000 miles of the early workers to a distance which requires twenty digits to express it in miles is an achievement surely without parallel in the entire range of man's activities.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

The British steamer "Kohistan," bound from Amsterdam for Busrah, arrived at Lisbon with captain dead.

A Moscow message states that it is officially announced that no Russian harbours will be closed against British shipping.

Earthquake shocks were reported in Northern Australia for five minutes. The shocks were felt over a large area, but so far no damage has been reported.

Mr. George T. Shaw, M.A., the chief librarian of Liverpool, sailed from the port in the White Star liner "Celtic" for New York, en route for the Librarian Conference at Toronto.

Hundreds of American tourists, arriving in the "President Harding" of the United States Lines, experienced a thrilling half-hour when a big shark was sighted swimming straight towards the liner just as she was entering Plymouth Sound. Passengers tried, with improvised harpoons, to capture the fish, but the shark eluded them, and was caught by the ship's bow, being cut in two by the force of the impact.

The trade agreement between Latvia and Soviet Russia has just been signed at Moscow, states a Riga message. It is based on the principle of the most-favoured-nation treatment, and will remain in force for five years. The Soviet Government agrees to purchase Latvian goods to the value of 40,000,000 lots annually. (The lot is equal to the gold franc.) Certain Customs privileges are granted on both sides.

Delegates from Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, Malaya, the Irish Free State, British Guiana, Nigeria, Newfoundland, Rhodesia, Ceylon, and Shanghai, as well as from the United Kingdom, attended the third biennial conference of the British Empire Service League in London. Empire settlement, inter-imperial trade, Empire propaganda to strengthen the British Commonwealth, and pensions questions were among the subjects discussed.

A Washington message states that a surplus for the year ending June of over £120,000,000, the largest on record, is announced by the Secretary of the United States Treasury.

Plymouth's oldest sailing vessel, "Alarm," bound from Perros to Plymouth, has been wrecked at Triagoz, one of the seven islands off the French coast. The crew were saved.

The four-masted Finnish barque "Law Hill," 2,816 tons, is the seventh of thirteen sailing vessels to reach Queenstown from Australia, arriving after a passage of 120 days. Except for four days when rounding Cape Horn, good weather was experienced.

To allow several aeroplanes to race together over a short course with sharp turns is only inviting disaster, was the view expressed by the jury at the request on Squadron-Leader W. H. Longton and Major L. P. Openshaw, who were killed at Bournemouth Flying Meeting. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Addressing the annual conference of the Association of Mining and Electrical Engineers at Harrogate, Mr. G. M. Harvey, the newly-elected president, said the output of coal since 1913 remained almost stationary in Great Britain, but in the United States it had doubled. This showed the need for the adoption of American machine mining methods.

The report which has just been issued by Captain M. Frankman, maritime technical official of the Swedish Board of Trade, concerning Swedish shipping casualties in 1926, shows that 634 reports were received by the department last year respecting accidents; of these 39 casualties resulted in the total loss of the vessels, representing 15,512 gross register tons, two vessels being posted missing. Compared with 1925 the number of casualties increased by 94. The casualties in the Baltic, which were caused through improper loading, showed a large increase.

The receipts of the Suez Canal for the first five months of 1927 are approximately 87,550,000f., in comparison with 79,080,000f., during the corresponding period of last year.

The Companhia de Navegacao Lloyd Brasileiro announced recently that it has under consideration plans for the construction of four fast motorships for the New York Brazil service.

An English steward, whose name is given as Hopkins, belonging to the Dover-Ostend steamer "Princess Elizabeth," fell overboard and was drowned. The steamer put about and recovered the body, which was taken to Ostend.

An Angora message reads:—The Turkish Foreign Minister has informed the Soviet Charge d'Affaires that Turkey would abide by the Turco-Soviet Treaty of March, 1921, during the present differences between Great Britain and the U.S.S.R.

With six tenants acting as pall-bearers, the coffin containing the late Marquis of Lansdowne was borne on a farm wagon at the funeral at Calne, Wiltshire. Peers and labourers stood side by side in paying a common tribute to his memory, and the King was represented at the service, as well as at the largely-attended memorial service held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, at the same time.

Following the example of British telephone manufacturers in forming the Telephone Development Association, a number of firms who supply the Swiss Post Office with telephone material have formed an association for the purpose of forwarding the development of the telephone service, and encouraging the use of the telephone in Switzerland. The new association which has its headquarters at Zurich, has adopted the title "Pro Telephone."

Admiral Sir George Hope chairman of the Society for Nautical Research, gave details at the annual meeting of the scheme establishing the National Museum at Queen's House, the historic building now used as officers' quarters at Greenwich Royal Hospital School. The Admiralty have contributed the contents of the Royal Naval Museum and other relics, and Sir George expressed the hope that other naval treasures would be forthcoming from private collections.

Field-Marshal Earl Haig protested against the tendency to belittle the part Britain played in winning the war. Speaking at the conference of the British Empire Service League, he said the war was won by the inherent fighting qualities of our armies and the loyalty of British peoples in all parts of the world. Without American intervention, he said, the result might have been delayed, but we should have won all the same. For the last eighteen months of the struggle the armies of the Empire carried the main burden. He did not like to think what might be the effect on the next great call on the Dominions if the accepted version of the Empire's part was that success was due, not to our own efforts, but to the mercy of Providence and the assistance of other nations. Sir Abe Bailey, speaking as a South African delegate, announced that he would give twenty plots of 500 acres in Rhodesia to the League for settlement purposes.

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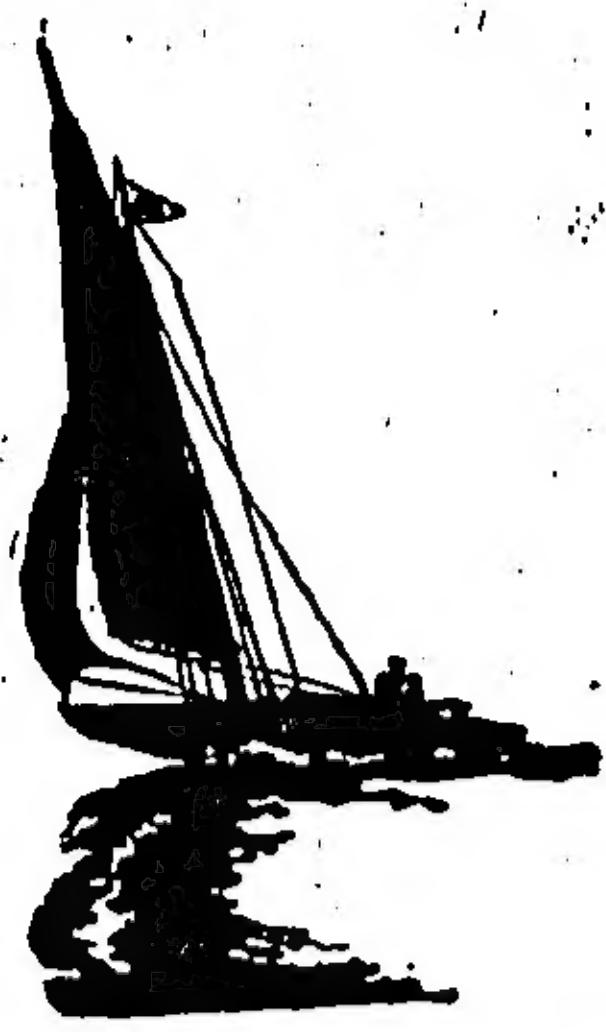
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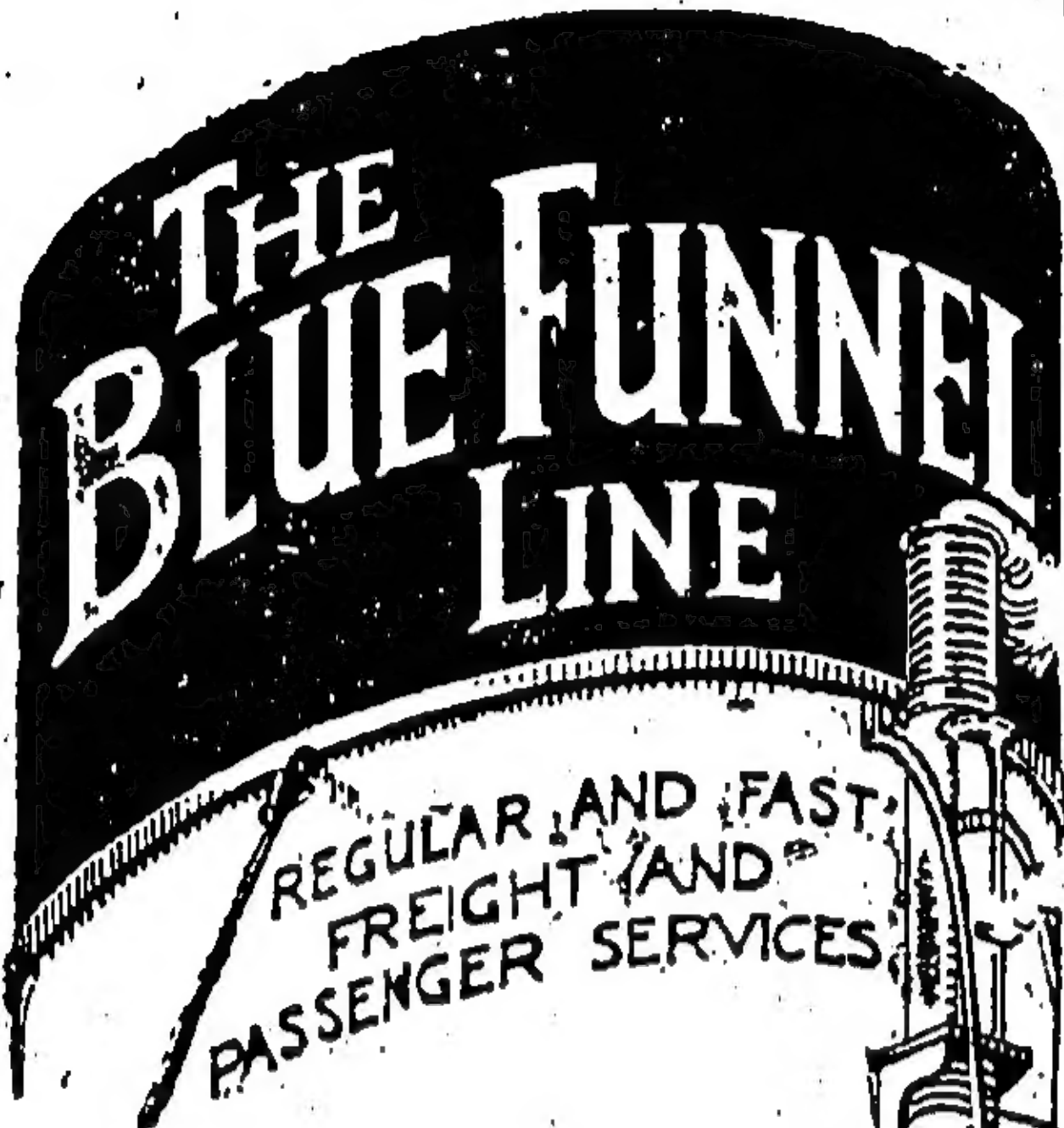
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
Japan & Shanghai	FRIDAY, JULY 15
Europe via Negapatnam (letters and papers)	16
London 15th June	SANITIA.
Suez & Straits	17
MONDAY, JULY 18	Perseus.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	18
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Canada.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Hayes.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Siberia Maru.
Suez & Straits	Adriatic.
TUESDAY, JULY 19	19
Japan	Aki Maru.
Japan & Shanghai	Sphinx.
THURSDAY, JULY 21	21
Australia & Manila	Mishima Maru.
Suez & Straits	Antenor.
FRIDAY, JULY 22	22
Shanghai	Macedonia.
FRIDAY, JULY 23	23
Japan & Shanghai	Hakusan Maru.
Straits	Kamo Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
Formosa	WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
Samshui & Wuchow	Times Maru 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui & Wuchow	Sanning 4 p.m.
Japan	Tai Hing 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Samarang Maru 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JULY 14	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Del Maru 9.30 a.m.
Salmon & South Africa	Manila Maru 9.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjikombang 11.30 a.m.
Manila	City of Chester 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang 5 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Yuen Sang 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand	
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 26th July. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (15th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Tai ping.
SATURDAY, JULY 16	16
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 16th August. G.P.O.—Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. Kowloon P.O.—Registration 8 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Hakozaki Maru. Noon
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	Hal Hong 9 a.m.
SUNDAY, JULY 17	17
Shanghai & Japan	Munsterland 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Rozan Maru 9 a.m.
TUESDAY, JULY 19	19
Salmon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th August. G.P.O.—Registration 11.45 a.m. Letters 12.30 p.m. Kowloon Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Sphinx. Noon
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	Hal Ching 8.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Canada 8.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20	20
Swatow	Fooshing 8.30 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

AVIATION TRAGEDY

"Hermes" Plane Dives Into Sea.

LIEUT. PHILLIPS KILLED.

An aviation tragedy, the complete details of which will not be available until H.M.S. "Hermes" returns from Cheung Chau where it proceeded this morning for inquiries to be made of residents on the island and sampan people who were the only observers, occurred midway between Lamma Island and Cheung Chau yesterday.

Lieut. Leonard W. Phillips, R.A.F., attached to the Fleet Air Arm and to H.M.S. "Hermes," was on exercises with a "Fly-catcher" seaplane above Lamma Channel at about 11 a.m. yesterday when the machine suddenly nose-dived into the sea leaving no trace other than the two floats which evidently became detached on the plane striking the water.

Lieut. Phillips has been posted as "missing, presumably killed."

A poignant feature of the tragedy is that the aviator is stated to have been in the habit of flying over Cheung Chau and maintaining communication by letters dropped from his plane with a friend who lived on the island and who was probably an eye-witness of the accident.

The first news of the accident was received by the naval authorities in a wireless message received from Cheung Chau.

Immediately the news was received by the naval authorities, aircraft were sent to the spot from H.M.S. "Hermes" and H.M.S. "Wanderer" (a destroyer) was recalled from exercises in the Rocky Bay region and also sent to the scene to carry out a search, where it remained until dark.

Oil Patches Observed. It appears that, in addition to residents of Cheung Chau who were watching the plane's manoeuvres, the accident was also observed by sampan people off the island who put off in their craft but were unable to observe anything other than the two floats.

The "Wanderer," when arrived in the neighbourhood, cruised about and reported observing oil patches spread over rather a wide area. These were searched without result.

Two tugs from the Naval Yard were also sent out on receipt of first information for the purpose of carrying out salvage work if the seaplane was located.

Pilot's Last Attempt. The following report was made by Police boat No. 4, which was on patrol in the neighbourhood:

"At about 11 a.m. Seaplane F. 820915 was observed to nose dive when above the Lamma Channel in the neighbourhood of Cheung Chau. It righted itself violently, turned over and then fell out of control into the sea, nose first, instantly disappearing."

Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones, District Officer South, has also proceeded to Cheung Chau where he will meet a party from H.M.S. "Hermes" and help in the carrying out of investigations and inquiries among those on Cheung Chau who were observers of the accident.

No trace of the seaplane, other than the floats, has yet been found, neither has the body of the aviator yet been recovered.

A Previous Escape. Lieut. Phillips is the aviator who had a narrow escape from death when his machine side-slipped and fell into the harbour on the occasion of H.E. the Governor's first arrival to the Colony. Aeroplanes from the "Hermes" accompanied the steamer on which His Excellency was on board.

A BRIEF RESPIRE.

HOLIDAY FOR A QUEEN AND PRINCESS.

The Regatta, July 12. Queen Wilhelmina and Princess Juliana are going to Norway in August for three weeks.—Reuter.

COURT'S MERCY.

OFFICER WHO KILLED HIS COLONEL.

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Gibraltar, July 12. The sentence of death passed on Lieut. Duffield has been commuted to life servitude.—Reuter.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Fitz-Gerald, commanding the Second Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, was shot dead by Lieut. A. C. Duffield of the same regiment. At the opening of the inquest the adjutant gave evidence that Lieut. Duffield entered the orderly room to see Col. Fitz-Gerald, after which two shots were heard and the adjutant rushed into the room. Lt. Col. Fitz-Gerald then said, "He has shot me. Arrest him." When the trial began two statements by the accused were read out. The first said "I am perfectly sane and I know what I have done." The second apologised for the extra work he had given but pointed out that he would not be kept there long as it was a civil charge. The statement added that since arrival at Gibraltar the Colonel had "given up all ideas of soldiering and it was better that one man should die than a whole regiment should be ruined. I made a mess of things. I missed with the first shot and hit him with the second which was meant for myself." The jury at the trial made a strong recommendation for mercy and petition in the accused's favour was later presented with numerous signatures.

EMPIRE FORESTS.

MAKING DOMINIONS SELF-SUPPORTING.

IMPORTS INTO BRITAIN.

Rugby, July 12. Capt. G. W. A. Ormsby Gore, Parliamentary Secretary to the Dominions, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the percentage of timber imported into Britain from Empire sources was of the value 28.6 per cent. in the case of hard wood and 5.7 per cent. in the case of soft wood.

Government afforestation schemes were now in operation providing for the planting of 10,000 acres in New Zealand and South Africa, respectively, while considerable areas in those Dominions were being planted by private enterprise, the object being to make those Dominions less dependent on imports.—British Wireless Service.

TANGIER REGIME.

FRANCE AND SPAIN REACH IMPASSE.

FOUR POWERS TO ACT.

Rugby, July 12. It is understood that Franco-Spanish conversations upon the modification of the Tangier regime, which have been proceeding for some time in Paris, have reached an impasse.

It had been arranged that if any agreement were reached in these negotiations it should be reported to Great Britain and Italy. In the absence of such a result, British opinion favours discussion of the issue by representatives of the four Powers concerned and it is considered likely that this course will now be adopted.—British Wireless Service.

SOVIET TRIALS.

ALLEGED SPY CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Moscow, July 12. M. Druzhilovsky has been sentenced to death and his property confiscated.—Reuter. [A yesterday's message said that in the course of the trial of over 25 naval, military and civil officials charged with espionage for Britain, Druzhilovsky, who pleaded guilty of espionage against the Soviet, declared that he had produced forged documents for Bulgaria at the personal direction of Doctor Popoff, the Bulgarian Minister at Berlin, who was in touch with a British officer. Druzhilovsky also alleged that the famous Zinoviev letter was composed by two Russian exiles.—Reuter.]

C. N. STRIKE.

SCRATCH CREW ON S.S. "SHANTUNG."

ARRIVED HERE TO-DAY.

There was no change in the local situation regarding the strike amongst China Navigation Company employees up to this afternoon.

The s.s. "Shantung" arrived from Shanghai this morning with a scratch crew composed of deck officers and engineers of the C. N. Co. who refused to join the strike. The vessel will leave for Canton to-morrow. It is not known whether it will leave Hong Kong on its return from Canton.

The collection of funds for the strike from employees of other lines on the Coast continues apace. On one ship in the harbour the Guild official collected over \$290 from the seven Europeans aboard, which is in excess of the ten per cent. of salary which it is understood that the Guild is asking for.

A second and third officer gave \$50 each, one declaring that the strikers were welcome to half his salary whilst they stuck to their guns and did not creep back to the ships without orders from the Guilds.

ARTICLES AMENDED.

H.K. AMUSEMENTS MEETING TO-DAY.

CHAIRMAN'S CASTING VOTE.

The amendment of the Articles of Association of Hong Kong Amusements Ltd., so as to enable the Chairman to have a casting vote was approved at an Extraordinary Meeting held at the Queen's Theatre this morning.

Mr. J. M. Noronha, president, supported by Messrs. R. E. Ost, Lo Shun-wan, Ma Tsui-chui and H. W. Ray (Directors), Mr. C. S. Rossetti (Secretary) and the following shareholders and representatives of shareholders: J. Gomes, J. T. Choy, H. Poon, E. Reading and A. Groves.

The Chairman explained that the resolution had already been passed as an Extraordinary Resolution at the extraordinary meeting of June 29 and the present meeting was called to confirm it as a Special Resolution. He proposed that Article 143 of the Articles of Association of the Company be amended to read as follows:

"Questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes, in case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote."

Mr. Reading seconded and the resolution was approved.

HOUSE BOY'S RECORD

WHAT HIS FINGER PRINTS REVEALED.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.

Banished from the Colony in March of this year after serving three weeks' jail in 1926 for unlawful possession, and two months early this year for boarding a ship in harbour without a permit, a Chinese returned last month and obtained employment as houseboy at No. 6 Stanley Terrace. He managed to escape police attention until his master lost some property, then the police were called in. Accused was suspected and eventually the theft was brought home to him. Then Sub-Inspector Vincent made a little study of the man's finger prints and discovered that he was a banished.

The sequel was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning when the man was charged with the theft of six pieces of clothing, a blanket, a handkerchief and a pair of binoculars worth altogether \$91.50, the property of his employer.

He admitted this and also made no attempt to deny that he was a returned banished when he was further charged with this offence.

For the larceny the accused received three months' jail, and for returning from banishment, he was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and 20 strokes.

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